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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we emerge from another grueling Montana legislative session while simultaneously navigating the harsh and chaotic realities of a second Trump Administration, one enduring truth stands out: **We are all in this together.**

Not only are our futures inextricably linked, but our ability to defeat emerging threats to our rights and democracy rests on our ability to effectively work together, using the talents and tools at our disposal. To repeat a refrain I am sure you hear everywhere: These are unprecedented times. This moment calls us to put aside our minor differences and come together, pooling our collective power to firmly protect our civil rights, while continuing to build the fairer and more just future we envision. As Wael Ghonim wisely said, ***“The power of the people is much greater than the people in power.”***

Amidst these challenging times, we continue to make progress in defending and advancing Montanans' rights and liberties. The following pages provide a peek into the ACLU of Montana's integrated advocacy approach to maximizing our impact in protecting civil rights. You will learn about the legislative work of our Advocacy, Policy, and Organizing Department, which successfully defeated many bills attacking our most fundamental freedoms—from bills criminalizing life-saving care for minors, to attempts to politicize and denigrate our courts. You will also learn about the swift actions our legal team took filing legal challenges to respond to unconstitutional federal actions and state laws, ensuring that the most marginalized among us can safely exercise their rights. In the face of outrageous abuses of power and outright discrimination, our team

remained undeterred in advancing the ACLU's mission to protect our civil rights, while leading with grace, integrity, and care.

No matter the challenges that lie ahead, the ACLU of Montana will continue to hold the line. But we need you by our side. We implore you to exercise your rights and do so loudly.

Speak out against unjust policies and abuses of power. Continue to protest. Speak up for our shared Montana values, recognizing that “the dignity of the human being is inviolable.” Stay informed on local issues and get involved in local school board elections and city council ordinances. Together we will meet the day with courage, resilience, and people power.

I leave you with this final reminder: ***“When a group of people comes together, their collective energy, ideas, and resources can accomplish what might seem impossible alone.”*** - Delores Huerta.

Onward,



Akilah Maya Deernose
Executive Director

LEGAL ROUNDUP

With the Montana Legislature and the Trump Administration simultaneously attacking our most cherished constitutional rights, our legal team is often the last line of defense for marginalized communities across the State. The good news is that Montana's Constitution and judiciary are vibrant and robust. With unique "dignity" and "privacy" provisions, our State Constitution provides far greater protections than its federal counterpart. As long as fair-minded and unbiased judges sit on the bench, every Montanan will get a fair shake when they enter the courthouse doors.



Community members participate in a Trans Day of Visibility rally.

Our legal docket was already busy before the 2025 Legislature convened, and before President Trump was sworn into office. Two cases, in particular, have been front and center for our legal team, our allies and partners. In *Cross v. State*, we challenged the 2023 legislature's attempt to ban medically necessary and life-saving gender-affirming care for transgender youth. In early May, a district court permanently struck down the law, holding that it violated numerous provisions of the Montana Constitution. The other case, *Dupuis-Pablo v. Office of Public Instruction*, seeks to ensure implementation of our unique constitutional provision guaranteeing Indian Education for All. That case is scheduled to go to trial in September.

As a result of these new and relentless attacks on our rights by the 2025 Legislature and the Trump Administration, we have been forced to rise to the occasion and meet the challenge. Fortunately for all Montanans, the ACLU of Montana was built to meet this moment.

In March, the Montana Legislature passed a cruel and unnecessary ban on transgender Montanans accessing public facilities like bathrooms and changing rooms. House Bill 121 (HB121) is intended to exclude trans people from public life. Scheduled to take effect immediately upon the Governor's signature, our legal team kicked into high gear. In collaboration with our National office and Legal Voice— and on behalf of several brave transgender and intersex Montanans, we filed emergency litigation challenging HB121 (*Perkins v. State*). The lawsuit alleges that HB121 violates our clients' right to privacy, equal protection, and due process of law. The Court immediately paused enforcement of HB121, holding that the law is likely unconstitutional.



Then, when the Trump Administration arbitrarily started revoking the immigrant visa status for international students, we filed another emergency lawsuit (*Roe v. Noem*) on behalf of two international students whose pursuit of advanced degrees at Montana State University (MSU) was being jeopardized. One master's student was only two weeks away from graduating, but because of the Trump Administration's policy, was informed by the University that she could no longer remain enrolled at MSU and was at risk of immediate deportation. Once again, we went to court and filed a federal lawsuit alleging that the Trump Administration's actions were illegal. And, once again, the Court agreed, issuing an immediate temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction, permitting our clients to resume their classes and continue to advance towards earning their graduate degrees.

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These are just two examples of the power of the Constitution, the power of our courts, and the effectiveness of the ACLU of Montana. In the face of overreach by the executive and legislative branches, our courts provide a crucial backstop against abuse. Our legal team won't stop fighting to ensure that the constitutional rights of all Montanans remain protected.

For more information on our legal cases, please visit aclumontana.org/en/cases

LEGISLATIVE SESSION REFLECTIONS

The ACLU of Montana defended Montanans' civil rights and liberties throughout the 69th Montana state legislative session. We prioritized 2S-LGBTQIA+ rights, Indigenous Justice, protecting democracy, and meaningful criminal legal reform. We spent over a thousand hours lobbying, organizing rallies, and collaborating with partners to block bad bills from being passed and promote good bills where possible. We testified on over fifty bills, working tirelessly to prevent the politicization of our courts and to beat back anti-trans legislation, while supporting critical bills advancing Indigenous Justice.

We partnered across party lines to institute meaningful criminal legal reform and prevent erosions and attacks on our civil liberties. Our collaborations spanned the ideological spectrum as we built relationships with lawmakers, community members, and stakeholders in service of protecting Montanans' rights. Despite many challenges, we effectively secured successes and will continue fighting for our values in the legislature, courts, and communities.

2S-LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

A continued fight for trans rights.

Attacks on the 2S-LGBTQIA+ community were relentless during the 2025 legislative session, primarily targeting the trans community. These attacks included limiting gender-affirming care, access to bathrooms, sports participation, changing the legal definition of "sex" to exclude trans, nonbinary, and intersex individuals, and creating hostile school environments for trans students.

The fight for 2S-LGBTQIA+ rights began on day five of the 69th legislative session with House Bill 121 (HB121), a bill that discriminates against trans, nonbinary, intersex, Two-Spirit, and gender nonconforming Montanans by limiting their access to public bathrooms. HB121 had an immediate effective date, causing fear among impacted Montanans. Despite public testimony and opposition from community members, lawmakers passed and signed the bill into law on March 27. Thanks to our integrated advocacy efforts, we responded that same day, with the ACLU of Montana's legal team picking up



Community members gather in support of transgender family, friends and neighbors at the Montana State Capitol.



Henry Seaton, ACLU of Montana lobbyist, delivers testimony before the state legislature.

the baton, along with Legal Voice, and filing an emergency lawsuit blocking enforcement of the law. The Court granted our motion, and HB121 is currently on ice.

The 69th legislative session saw the reintroduction of a bill changing the definition of “sex” to biological sex based on binary reproductive gametes. Senate Bill 437 (SB437), designed to erase trans, nonbinary, intersex, and Two-Spirit Montanans from state law, makes it nearly impossible for them to

obtain motor vehicle licenses, marriage, and burial paperwork that aligns with their gender identity. Passed by both chambers, SB437 was signed into law by the Governor. It’s almost identical to Senate Bill 458, a 2023 law struck down as unconstitutional by the Montana courts.

Working strategically with the Free and Fair Montana coalition, we blocked many harmful bills— including House Bill 675 banning drag performances, and Senate Bill 164 (SB164) criminalizing gender-affirming care as “child endangerment.” SB164 would have deterred doctors from providing gender-affirming care, impacting trans, nonbinary, and intersex Montanans, in addition to discouraging healthcare for all Montanans, due to the increased threat of malpractice lawsuits. Thanks to collective efforts, 2S-LGBTQIA+ Montanans can continue to receive necessary care, and doctors can provide it without fear of frivolous lawsuits.

Unfortunately, the impacts and harm from these repeated attacks will undoubtedly be felt for years. While we anticipate continued attacks at the federal and state levels, we know Montana’s 2S-LGBTQIA+ community will remain resilient. Transgender, Two-Spirit, intersex, and nonbinary people have always been here, and the ACLU of Montana will continue fighting alongside them to protect their rights.

INDIGENOUS JUSTICE

Honoring sovereignty, culture and contributions.

The ACLU of Montana’s focus on Indigenous Justice prioritized comprehensive legislative initiatives to advance Indigenous peoples’ and communities’ rights and well-being. Our work included legislative support and collaboration on measures that promote tribal sovereignty and greater cultural understanding (Senate Bill 311); safeguarding Indigenous children and families through improvements in doula care (Senate Bill 319); and protecting Indigenous families through the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act (Senate Bill 147). Additionally, Senate Bill 182 is a critical investment in revitalizing and preserving Indigenous languages by funding and supporting community-based

Native language programs in Montana. Senate Bill 181, revising laws related to Indian Education for All, expands and strengthens Montana's commitment to teaching Indigenous histories and cultures in schools, ensuring all students learn about Montana's tribal nations' sovereignty, resilience, and diversity.

Senate Bill 224 formally recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day throughout Montana as an important way to honor Indigenous cultures, histories, and contributions, while creating resilience through Indigenous visibility and representation.

Montana has seven Indian reservations and 12 federally recognized tribes. The ACLU of Montana supports tribal communities and follows their lead with community-directed legal and advocacy work to increase sovereignty, dignity, and autonomy.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

Protecting the third branch.

Throughout the session, numerous attempts were made to subvert the independence of our courts. Montana saw over 30 bills aimed at attacking the third branch—most notably, multiple attempts to politicize judicial elections by making them partisan. For the most part, common sense prevailed. Montanans overwhelmingly oppose turning judges into politicians. In collaboration with partners such as Friends of the Third Branch, Big Sky 55+, Planned Parenthood, Northern Plains Resource Council, Western Native Voice, Montana Trial Lawyers Association, Montana Environmental Information Center, Catalyst, Forward Montana, the National ACLU, and with bipartisan support, we helped block five bills seeking to politicize the courts from passing.

Fortunately, many harmful attacks were blocked, including legislation that would have created a costly chancery court, and a bill to elect Supreme Court justices by district.

Unfortunately, other bills aimed at undermining the judiciary passed the legislature. Senate Bill 97, for example, requires parties challenging a bill's constitutionality to file suit in the sponsor's home county, ignoring district courts' original jurisdiction and placing burdens on Montanans and taxpayers. House Bill 480 permits parties to request a jury trial in constitutional cases, bypassing judges and slowing the judicial process.

As our courts continue to strike down unconstitutional laws, these assaults on the judiciary will no doubt reemerge in subsequent legislative sessions. Nevertheless, statewide polling indicates that Montanans oppose the politicization of our courts, and the ACLU of Montana will persistently oppose any attempts to marginalize or disempower the third branch.

CRIMINAL LEGAL REFORM

Decriminalizing poverty.

During this session, we worked hard to protect the dignity of people entangled in the criminal legal system. Our work spanned the gamut, from the Youth Court Act to theft sentencing to advocating for evidence-based practices for rehabilitation and re-entry.

We had our work cut out for us as the legislature considered numerous bills intended to criminalize poverty, and regrettably, some succeeded. Senate Bill 101, which broadly defines “squatting” and disproportionately criminalizes unhoused people, passed with bipartisan support. Senate Bill 19, which further criminalizes nonviolent crimes of poverty with steeper fines and even jail time, also passed. The legislature also moved to expand contracts with private, for-profit prisons, such as CoreCivic.

On the other side of the ledger, we worked with both sides of the aisle to pass bills enacting commonsense reforms to our criminal legal system, including House Bill 718, which establishes an office of re-entry services at the Department of Labor; and Senate Bill 217, establishing work time credit for probationers and parolees. Additionally, House Joint Resolution 23 calls for an interim study of the Youth Court Act to allow youth, their families, and their attorneys to understand their rights better. We also supported House Bill 475, which regulates the use of restraints on incarcerated women during childbirth.

Other proactive bills introduced, but not passed, included House Bill 795, which would have allowed nonviolent felonies to be expunged, and House Bill 93, which would have established compensation for wrongful convictions. While these bills failed to pass, their introduction started important conversations, creating avenues for meaningful reform in future sessions.

When it comes to decriminalizing poverty and ensuring a justice system that works for all Montanans, it is apparent that civic engagement and further education are critical. We may have a long way to go, but we are headed in the right direction. Our work this session built upon our previous efforts of moving the narrative forward around the realities of the criminal legal system. We are optimistic that there is a bright future for establishing evidence-based, culturally appropriate interventions for offenses and promoting proper rehabilitation pathways.



Entrance to the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol.

2025 Montana State Legislature Bill

AT A GLANCE

The ACLU of Montana focused on the following key bills during the 2025 Montana State Legislature. While many of the bills we opposed were ultimately passed, the fight for civil rights does not end there. We are currently evaluating several harmful new laws for potential legal challenges moving forward.

Bill # HB 205

Criminal Legal Reform

TITLE: Revise death penalty laws

STATUS: Dead | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Expanded the types of chemicals used for conducting the death penalty, removing the moratorium currently in place.

Bill # SB 70

Criminal Legal Reform

TITLE: Generally revise laws related to supervision on probation

STATUS: Passed | *Support*

IMPACT: Creates a more personalized approach to probation and parole by giving a probation/parole officer more leeway to ensure requirements are attainable and relevant to the offense.

Bill # HB 578

Criminal Legal Reform

TITLE: Generally revise laws related to restitution

STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Eliminates consideration of financial resources when assigning restitution payments, further enforcing a two-tiered justice system where poor people are punished, in part, simply for being poor.

Bill # SB 101

Criminal Legal Reform

TITLE: Revise laws related to squatting

STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Redefines squatting in a way that disproportionately punishes unhoused folks and requires their removal from a space simply for being there for any length of time.

Bill # SB 19

Criminal Legal Reform

TITLE: Revise sentencing laws related to theft

STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Enhances sentencing for petty theft to whereby someone could be put in county jail for up to six months for crimes of poverty.



Bill # SB 52/SB 385

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TITLE: Create a Montana Court of Chancery/general claims court

STATUS: Dead | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Created a third type of Court that would have been cumbersome and ineffective, costing taxpayers millions.

Bill # SB 97

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Democracy

TITLE: Revise venue laws for cases challenging the constitutionality of recent laws

STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Requires lawsuits on constitutionality be filed in the sponsor of the bill's district.

**Bill # SB 42/
HB 295/HB 751/
SB 543/HB 838/
HB 506**

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Democracy

TITLE: Partisan judicial elections/selections

STATUS: Dead | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Created a system where judges were chosen based on party platform rather than merit or commitment to the Constitution.

Bill # SB 43

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Democracy

TITLE: Generally revise injunctive powers of the judiciary

STATUS: Dead | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Restricted injunctions on unconstitutional laws to only the party in the lawsuit/district where the lawsuit was filed and not the entire state.

Bill # HB 480

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Democracy

TITLE: Revise when a party in a proceeding is entitled to a jury trial

STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Allows a party in a Constitutional lawsuit to request a trial by jury, lengthening the judicial process and delaying justice for the people of Montana.

Bill # HB 121
2S-LGBTQIA+

TITLE: Provide privacy in certain restrooms, changing rooms
STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*
IMPACT: Restricts trans and intersex people from using necessary facilities in government buildings.

Bill # SB 164
2S-LGBTQIA+

TITLE: Revise offense of endangering the welfare of children
STATUS: Dead | *Oppose*
IMPACT: Criminalized parents and doctors who provided gender-affirming care to children under the age of 16.

Bill # HB 300
2S-LGBTQIA+

TITLE: Generally revise laws related to discrimination in education
STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*
IMPACT: Bans transgender women from playing high school or collegiate sports.

Bill # SB 218
2S-LGBTQIA+

TITLE: Provide for private right of action for injuries caused by certain medical interventions to treat gender dysphoria
STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*
IMPACT: Doctors can be subject to civil action if it is found that they are not following the medical standard associated with gender-affirming care.

Bill # HB 400
2S-LGBTQIA+

TITLE: Enact the “Free to Speak Act”
STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*
IMPACT: Teachers and students are not required to use pronouns or chosen name of trans students creating space for intentional misgendering and enabling bullying.

Bill # HB 446
2S-LGBTQIA+

TITLE: Revise indecent exposure laws
STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*
IMPACT: Criminalizes trans and intersex Montanans for using needed facilities.

Bill # HB 471
2S-LGBTQIA+

TITLE: Revise education laws related to human sexuality and identity instruction
STATUS: Passed | *Oppose*
IMPACT: Requires parents to opt-in to sexual education and gender identity curriculum.

Bill # SB 437
2S-LGBTQIA+

TITLE: Revise definition of sex in Montana law

STATUS: Passed by the Legislature** | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Redefines “sex” to a binary standard which impacts identity documents, burial arrangements, etc.

Bill # SB 181
Indigenous
Justice

TITLE: Generally revise Indian Education For All (IEFA) laws

STATUS: Passed | *Support*

IMPACT: Creates IEFA spending accountability by the Office of Public Instruction

Bill # SB 182
Indigenous
Justice

TITLE: Generally revise MT Indian language preservation program

STATUS: Passed | *Support*

IMPACT: Directs consultation with tribes on Indigenous language learning programs.

Bill # SB 147
Indigenous
Justice

TITLE: Generally revise Montana Indian Child Welfare Act (MICWA)

STATUS: Passed | *Support*

IMPACT: Preserves tribal sovereignty and addresses systemic disparities in Montana’s child welfare system.

Bill # SB 224
Indigenous
Justice

TITLE: Create Indigenous Peoples’ Day

STATUS: Passed | *Support*

IMPACT: Formally recognizes Indigenous Peoples’ Day in Montana, strengthening Indigenous visibility and representation.

Bill # SB 311
Indigenous
Justice

TITLE: Enhance legislative understanding of state-tribal relations

STATUS: Passed | *Support*

IMPACT: The State Director of Indian Affairs, in coordination with the Legislative Services Division, will ensure that legislators are informed of and invited to annual trainings on state-tribal relations.

Bill # SB 319
Indigenous
Justice

TITLE: Generally revise health care laws related to doulas

STATUS: Passed | *Support*

IMPACT: Revises health care laws related to doulas by establishing a framework for doula certification and regulation.

Bill # HB 861
Indigenous
Justice

TITLE: Provide statewide access to a K-12 digital toolkit

STATUS: Passed by the Legislature** | *Oppose*

IMPACT: Appropriates money to provide statewide access to a K-12 digital toolkit.

**Pending signature or veto from the Governor

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FOCUS ON INTEGRATED ADVOCACY

If you are upset or unsettled by the blatant and unrelenting attacks on marginalized community members and our rights and liberties, please know that you are not alone.

Between April of 2024 and March 2025, the ACLU welcomed 250,000 new members nationwide, a testament to our reputation as a fierce defender of constitutional rights and the current hunger for moral clarity and robust resistance. In the face of incredible threats, our movement is growing stronger, more resilient, effective, and steadfast.

During a recent panel discussion on the *Cross v. State* case, defending healthcare for transgender youth, our staff attorneys had a tongue-in-cheek debate about whether this political moment feels like a sprint or a marathon.

The reality? It's both. And everything in between— the middle-distance intensity of the legislative session; the marathon long-term strategic thinking and pacing we need to respond to the Trump administration effectively; and the fast-twitch muscles for sprinting in response to attacks as they arise rapidly, such as *Roe v. Noem* and House Bill 121.

Our staff has been steadfastly navigating it all with skillful and nimble integrated advocacy efforts that remain a hallmark of the ACLU of Montana. Whether it is scrutinizing hundreds of proposals for their impact on our rights to free speech, privacy, due process, and equal protection in the legislative session; strategically responding to the Trump administration's attack on rights and democracy; or working tirelessly to file emergency lawsuits in defense of international students and trans Montanans— our team is ready for the races, and we are built for this exact moment.

So, **thank you** for helping make the ACLU of Montana what it is today. Whether it is a sprint or a marathon, our work blocking cruel and unconstitutional policies results directly from the strong foundation our community has built for our organization.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO SUPPORT THIS VITAL WORK

Your financial contribution will arrive at a pivotal moment for our organization and our work for the rights and liberties of Montanans.

ACLU OF MONTANA STAFF ANSWERS: “IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?”



Alex

“Instantaneous ability to power nap for ten minutes at any time of the day.”



Ashlee

“The ability to alleviate all forms of pain— the more joy, the better (but not in the ‘toxic positivity’ way!)”



Michelle

“I’d give everyone 60 minutes outside everyday as well as the ability to identify every mountain range, constellation, and spring flower.”



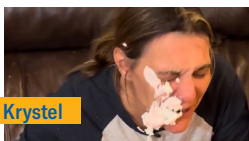
Cari

“Control the weather... Is anyone else’s nervous system absolutely wrecked by super windy days?”



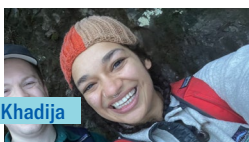
Chase

“The ability to teleport anywhere, but only a dozen times a year. If I used it too frequently, I would no longer appreciate being at new locations.”



Krystel

“I’d choose to snap my fingers and dirty dishes and laundry would be clean and put away. That way I’d have additional time to create memories with family, friends, and the community.”



Khadija

“The ability to always have fresh bread and soup, at the ready, for those who need it.”



Henry

“The ability to duplicate myself so that I can testify in three legislative hearings simultaneously.”

JOIN US IN WELCOMING ASHLEE TO THE TEAM!

We are thrilled to announce our new legal team member, **Ashlee Rossler**. Ashlee joined the ACLU of Montana as a Civil Rights Staff Attorney in April. Ashlee is a storyteller, trauma-informed lawyer, and creative born and raised in Ohio.



Before joining the ACLU of Montana, Ashlee traveled around the United States as a digital nomad! She served as a staff attorney with nonprofits in Washington, DC, where she provided direct legal services to survivors of violent crime and gender-based violence. Ashlee also served as a Congressional staffer on Capitol Hill, where her work focused on civil rights, healthcare, and criminal justice reform.

Ashlee earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School and her Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Political Science from Syracuse University. Ashlee is admitted to the State of Wisconsin Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. Ashlee enjoys spending her time at dance studios, yoga studios, music festivals, and ski resorts.

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