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Representative Bob Keenan
Chairman
Behavioral Health System for Future Generations Commission

Dear Chairman Keenan:

Thank you for the Commission's September 2024 final report, which contains 22 recommendations and 11 near-term initiatives to strengthen and improve Montana's behavioral health (BH) and developmental disabilities (DD) systems. I am grateful to the Commission for its diligence over the past year and a half to develop and bring forward a thoughtful plan that is making immediate impacts and providing a clear vision for a path forward.

I am pleased to share that my Path to Security and Prosperity Budget fully funds all Phase 1 foundational recommendations contained in the Commission's final report.

Pursuant to statute, I authorize up to \$100 million to implement the following recommendations:

- Refine and Reconfigure the Current 0208 Comprehensive Waiver Services Rates
- Expand the Service Delivery System to Support Individuals with Complex Needs
- Redefine and Reopen E&D Clinics to Support Families More Effectively
- Enhance the Targeted Case Management Program
- Implement a Care Transitions Program
- Adopt Electronic Bed Registry and Enhance 988
- Redesign Rates to Improve In-State Youth Residential Services
- Invest in School-Based Behavioral Health Initiatives
- Incentivize Providers to Join the BH and DD Workforce
- Expand and Sustain Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

I look forward to continued collaboration with the Commission as we work to make lasting investments in our state's behavioral health and developmental disabilities systems to better serve Montanans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

Greg Gianforte
Governor