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Greg Gianforte, Governor

Adam Meier, Director

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Dear _____

My name is _____ and I work for the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) of the State of Montana. You have been identified as a possible relative, or significant person, to _____, who is _____ years old. He/She was recently placed in the temporary custody of the State of Montana due to immediate safety concerns. _____ is the son/daughter to _____.

_____ . A diligent search was completed, and you were identified as a possible relative, or significant person, to _____ meaning you are a "Connection."

Connections play a crucial role in the lives of children. When children are removed from their parents, it is vital to connect them to their connections to help ensure their safety and well-being. As a result, children who stay connected in turn experience more stability and better long-term outcomes. Connections can choose to be part of children's support network and/or possibly become a placement. Please visit this link if you are interested in learning more about being a placement option:

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/fosterparent#:~:text=Have%20lived%20together%20for%20at,provide%20foster%20care%20for%20children> **Hyperlink will be provided when available**

Children in foster care deserve a sense of urgency in their lives; therefore, all children need a concurrent plan if reunification does not work out. This simply means that children need support towards reunification, and a concurrent plan guided by joint decision-making in regard to where they will live and how they will be supported until they reach adulthood. As an identified connection of _____,

your feedback and participation are very important. CFSD believes that the vast majority of children in foster care have relationships that are of great value to them and a key to their well-being, now and in the future.

We prioritize placing children with relatives. Your involvement is very important to _____. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at phone or email listed below. Thank you for your consideration in this pressing matter.

Sincerely,

CPS Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____