

EXHIBIT 7

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA**

CHARLES WALEN, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DOUG BURGUM, in his official capacity as Governor
of the State of North Dakota, et al.,

Defendants,

v.

MANDAN, HIDATSA AND ARIKARA NATION, *et al.*,

Defendant-
Intervenors.

Civil No. 1:22-cv-00031-PDW-CRH

DECLARATION OF LISA FINLEY-DEVILLE

I, Lisa Finley-DeVille, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, based on my personal knowledge, declare that:

1. I am an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (“MHA Nation”), also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation.
2. I live on the Fort Berthold Reservation, within the town of Mandaree. I have lived at my current residence for 12 years and on the Fort Berthold Reservation for 47 years.
3. I am eligible to vote in federal, state, and local elections in North Dakota at my residence on the Fort Berthold Reservation and do so regularly. I voted in the 2022 Election and plan to continue to vote in federal, state, and local elections in North Dakota in the future, including

elections for the North Dakota State Legislature. My current state legislative districts are Senate District 4 and State House Subdistrict 4A.

4. The elimination of Subdistrict 4A would deprive me of the opportunity to elect my candidate of choice to the North Dakota State House.

5. I currently serve as the State House Representative for House District 4A. I was elected in 2022, in the first election the Subdistrict.

6. Prior to the creation of Subdistrict 4A, I ran in the at large District 4 for the State Senate seat in 2020. I ran alongside Thomasina Mandan, an MHA Citizen, who ran for the at large seat in House District 4.

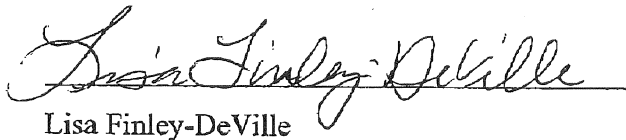
7. My experiences running in the at large District 4 and in Subdistrict 4A were very different. In 2020, despite winning handily in the portion of District 4 on the Fort Berthold Reservation, I ultimately lost. During my campaign, I had strong support from other Members of the MHA Nation, but my candidacy was not as well received by non-Native voters. I remember one event in particular during a campaign event where non-Native voters complained that my candidacy was forcing them to learn about treaties. I also heard frequent comments about Native Americans not paying taxes.

8. Running in Subdistrict 4A allowed me to focus my efforts on voters in my community. My campaign was centered on issues that most impact residents of the Fort Berthold Reservation, like protecting our homelands and ensuring a safe and healthy environment on the Reservation, increasing funding for education, protecting our women and children, and supporting the business and economic development of our local communities. I received strong support from other MHA Citizens who live on the Reservation. Now, as a Representative in the State House, I

can ensure that the needs of MHA Citizens and other residents of the Fort Berthold Reservation are represented in the Legislature.

9. I am competent to testify on the matters stated in this declaration. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 27, 2023,


Lisa Finley-DeVille