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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

COMMITTEE TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE IDAHO CONSTITUTION, INC.; MORMON WOMEN FOR ETHICAL GOVERNMENT; SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 281, LATAH COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO; IDAHO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, INC.; JERRY EVANS; MARTA HERNANDEZ; STEPHANIE MICKELSEN; ALEXIS MORGAN, on behalf of herself and her minor children; KRISTINE ANDERSON, on behalf of herself and her minor children; each of the foregoing individually and as private attorneys general on behalf of the public of the State of Idaho.

Petitioners,

v.

STATE OF IDAHO, acting by and through the IDAHO STATE TAX COMMISSION,

Respondent,

and

IDAHO STATE LEGISLATURE,

Intervenor-Respondent.

Docket No. 53264-2025

## MOTION OF MOUNTAIN STATES POLICY CENTER, INC. FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF AS AMICUS CURIAE

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Mountain States Policy Center, Inc. ("MSPC") respectfully moves this Court under Idaho

Appellate Rule 8 for leave to file an amicus brief in support of Respondents. As a free-market

think tank based in Idaho, MSPC is interested in this matter because it worked directly with

lawmakers on designing HB 93's Parental Choice Tax Credit Program, based on research and

experiences in other states. MSPC's proposed amicus brief, which accompanies this motion as an

appendix, offers a unique perspective to the Court on a variety of issues highlighted in MSPC's

scholarship, including: (A) how similar tax credit measures have withheld constitutional scrutiny

in other jurisdictions, (B) the fallacy inherent in Petitioners' argument that the Parental Choice

Tax Credit will defund public schools, (C) the legitimate public purposes served by the Tax

Credit Measure, and (D) the potential that Petitioners' arguments will trigger additional legal

challenges to a variety of Idaho's publicly funded measures and its system of public school

funding.

Leave is sought only to file the proposed amicus brief appended to this motion. MSPC

does not request to participate in oral argument.

DATED this 10th day of November, 2025.

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