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OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

ROBERT FLYNN and CARL MILLER, Individually and on Behalf of Others Similarly Situated, Petitioners,)))) WCC No. 2000-0222)
v. MONTANA STATE FUND,)) JOINDER IN MONTANA STATE) FUND'S REPLY TO) PETITIONERS' BRIEF
Respondent/Insurer,) REGARDING RETROACTIVITY))
and)
LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE CORPORATION,)))
Respondent/Insurer.	,))

COME NOW Respondents Ace American Insurance Co., Ace Fire Underwriters Insurance Co., Ace Indemnity Insurance Co., Ace Property & Casualty Insurance Co., Bankers' Standard Fire & Marine, Bankers' Standard Insurance Company, Century Indemnity Co., Insurance Co. of North America, Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America, and Pacific Employers Insurance Co. and pursuant to this Court's briefing schedule hereby give notice to this Court that they are joining in Montana State Fund's Reply to Petitioners' Brief Regarding Retroactivity. These Respondents/Insurers hereby adopt and incorporate by reference the substantive arguments in the Reply Brief submitted by Montana State Fund in regard to the class of workers' compensation cases that are "final," "closed," and/or "inactive" for purposes of retroactive effect of judicial decisions.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2006.

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This is to certify that on the 24th day of February, 2006, the foregoing attached JOINDER IN MONTANA STATE FUND'S REPLY TO PETITIONERS' BRIEF REGARDING RETROACTIVITY was duly served upon the following attorneys of record, by depositing a true copy thereof in the United States mails, postpaid, addressed as follows, to-wit:

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Dear Ms. Kessner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the <u>original</u> **Joinder in Montana State Fund's Reply Brief Regarding Retroactivity**. Please acknowledge receipt and filing of these documents by signing and returning the enclosed copy in the return envelope. Thank you for your courtesy and attention.

With best regards,

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