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EXHIBIT 1
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HB 201

118 East Seventh Street Anaconda, Montana 59711

Representative Rosie Buzzas, Chair
And members of the House Approprialtions
Montana House of Representatives
Capital Building
Helena, MT 59602

Dear Representatives:

Arrowhead Foundation of Anaconda Deer Lodge County has continually supported the clean up and restoration of the Clark Fork River Basin. We provide ourselves with keeping the clean up and restoration efforts in the public interest. We would ask you to share in that effort.

Arrowhead strongly supports H.B. 201 and the continued funding of the Clark Fork River NRD assessment and litigation process. The legislators' past commitment allowed for past success. Your future support will allow the effort to replicate those successes.

Arco's efforts will clean the basin to human health and safety levels negotiated by the Federal EPA. Arco claims they are not obligated under Superfund to exert efforts to make the region livable. Arco is under no obligation to bring back the lost water, lost habitat to support lost wildlife and other natural resources that existed before mining. Even more so, they claim they are not responsible for the lost resources, which they knowingly killed off after citizen lawsuits failed at the turn of the 20th century. Arco claims they do not need to commit their efforts to restore lost resources.

This 21st century lawsuit is Montana's last chance to be made a little more whole for these lost resources. Your approval to recommit the available funds will allow the effort to continue.

Sincerely,

William F Hickey III

William Hickey
President
Arrowhead Foundation