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Representative Galvin-Halcro and members of the House Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Darrell Rud, Executive Director of the School Administrators of Montana.

I would like to convey my support and that of the School Administrators of Montana for **HB747** that would ***"limit liability for student construction projects"***.

Having lived in Billings for more than 20 years and being employed in School District #2 for the majority of that time gave me unique insights into the valuable curricular offerings and products (including construction projects) created by the Billings Career Center serving students from all of the Billings High Schools.

After moving to Helena, I have become impressed with student construction projects and offerings in this community as well!

Removing school district liability "except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct" should help insure that frivolous and expensive litigation is not the result of these excellent projects that help to equip today's and tomorrow's young people with vocational skills and make them aware of possible occupations to pursue.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to vote for HB747!

Sincerely,

Darrell Rud

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