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TO: Members of the House Federal Relations and Telecom Committee
Chairman Rep. Alan Olson

FROM: Ed Eaton, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

RE: HB 106

Mr. Chairman, my name is Ed Eaton and I'm a volunteer advocate for AARP Montana, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to bettering the lives of Montanans 50 and older, with 143,000 members in our state.

We have participated in the hearings of the Interim Energy and Telecom Committee which you chaired, and that brought this bill forward. We supported this proposal in committee and we support your favorable consideration of it in this Committee.

While we are not experts in the technicalities of this bill, we are very familiar with the impacts Montana energy consumers have experienced in the last decade. We believe that Montana energy consumers need stronger consumer protections from the adverse impacts of utility company transactions.

We hope you will pass this legislation on to the House for its approval. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.