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TO: Chair Representative Alan Olson and Members of the House Federal Relations,
Energy and Telecommunications Committee

FROM: Marg Crennen, Volunteer Advocate, AARP Montana

RE: Support of SB 415

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, for the record my name is Marg Crennen and I represent AARP Montana. AARP is a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization with 143,000 members in the state.

We support SB 415 because our members are very concerned about the energy choices policymakers might make this session. In a survey conducted in November of nearly 1200 AARP members in Montana, 79% said having affordable energy was a top priority. In the same survey, 85% said their heating bills have gone up, and over half strongly support renewable energy development.

Our membership knows that renewable energy is not subject to the same fluctuations in supply or international politics that influence fossil fuel costs. Renewable power can provide stable energy prices without future fuel price risks.

Seniors throughout this state are facing financial crises and many are choosing between vital needs. AARP supports SB 415 and its attempt to create a more reliable energy environment.