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**House Federal Relations, Energy and Telecommunications
Senate Bill 415**

**The testimony of John Gatchell, Conservation Director
Montana Wilderness Association
April 11, 2005**

Chairman Olsen and members of the House Federal Relations,
Energy and Telecommunications Committee:

I appear before you today to represent 6000 members of the
Montana Wilderness Association in support of SB 415.

The Montana Wilderness Association was founded 47 years ago by
Montana hunters, conservationists and business owners to conserve
Montana's wild public lands and outdoor traditions.

Today—as in the 1950s—our members view Montana's remaining wild
lands as a public land trust, to be held and managed so that the
character of the land and the clean waters, the hunting, fishing,
camping and outdoor traditions these lands sustain remain intact for
future Montanans.

SB 415 unites rural and urban Montanans in developing our state's
clean, renewable and prosperous future. This unusual consensus
among Montanans reflects growing support for investing in clean
energy sources that stand to benefit our kids and our communities.

Developing clean energy sources, coupled with wise use and
conservation, will provide the freedom to keep our hunting, fishing
and outdoor traditions intact in special places like Montana's Rocky
Mountain Front, the Elkhorns and Beartooth.

Please vote yes on SB 415 for the future of Montana.

Thank you.