



EXHIBIT 14  
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SB SB415

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Re: SB415 (Tester)

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to express our strong support for the Montana Renewable Power Production and Rural Economic Development Act, SB415. As the director of a small Montana business, this bill would allow us to greatly increase our offerings of renewable energy services for years to come. On a larger scale it will provide fuel diversity and increased energy self-sufficiency by encouraging the usage of the many environmentally cleaner resources that we have in our state. And finally, we believe that it will promote rural economical development in a field that has seen little support over the decades.

Numerous states have already adopted renewable energy portfolio standards and Montana should also be one of them. Solar and wind power have been growing faster than any other energy source on the planet. The largest energy corporations already have renewable energy divisions as they position themselves for the future. With most of the developed nations far ahead in promoting clean power, it would be of great benefit and foresight to adopt this bill for Montana citizens. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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