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**Malta Chamber of
Commerce**

EXHIBIT 2
DATE 2.3.05
HB 423

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To: SENATOR SAM KITZENBERG **From:** Anne Boothe

Fax: 444 4875 **Pages:** 9 total

Phone: **Date:** 2/3/2005

Re: HB 423 **CC:**

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

Sorry we are not better represented today, but are confident Nate will do a great job.
Thank you for your efforts to promote Malta.

Anne Boothe
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Please make sure Sam or Rep. Stahl
get these ASAP.

CITY OF MALTA

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Anne Boothe

From: Carolyn [legalcon@mtintouch.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 5:17 PM
To: 'Malta Chamber'
Subject: HB423

CITY OF MALTA
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Byron D. Ereaux, Mayor
William Crowder, Alderman
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Carolyn Schmoedel, Clerk/Treasurer
Curtis Starr, Alderman
Joseph Peigneux, Alderman

February 2, 2005

Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee

Helena, Mt. 59620

Dear Sirs:

I am sending this letter to show the City of Malta's support for the creation of the Great Plains Dinosaur Park in Malta and establishing an effective date, HB 423. \$500,000.00 will assist in expanding a facility that hopefully will increase tourism in Northeastern Montana and give the city the opportunity to retain its new found treasures in the City of Malta. The City of Malta has no concerns as to where the funds are obtained. Please consider this worthwhile bill.

Sincerely,

Byron D. Ereaux
Mayor
City of Malta

2/3/2005

PhillCo ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL

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Montana Legislature
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee
Helena, Montana

Dear Legislators;

The "business of dinosaurs" became an economic development tool for our community in 2001. We realize the direct benefits tourism can bring to our area and urge your endorsement of assisting Malta to establish a new and expanded facility to study and display our rich paleontological displays.

We urge your thoughtful consideration of HB 423 and urge your support.

Sincerely,



Anne M. Boothe,
Executive Director



**MALTA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. BOX 1420
MALTA, MONTANA 59538**

Montana Legislature
Fish, Wildlife and Parks Committee
Helena, Montana

Dear Legislators;

On behalf of the business community of Malta, Montana, please accept this letter as our show of support for HB 423. We have worked very hard in recent years to "put Malta on the map" and become a tourist destination. A new and expanded dinosaur facility will make our efforts become reality.

We strongly urge your support and endorsement of HB 423.

Sincerely,

Deanna Arnold,
President

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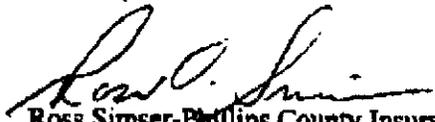
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MT FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE
WAYNE STAHL
HB 423

Dear Wayne,

We are writing this letter in support of HB 423. A dinosaur exhibit facility would be a great asset to this area as well as the state. I believe we are just in the beginning stages of what this could become. Tourism is going to get to be more an more of our economy and we need things like this to get people to travel Hwy 2. Do the best you can.

Sincerely,


Ross Simser-Phillips County Insurance

Montana's Missouri River Country



February 1, 2005

Re: HB423

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Board of Directors of Missouri River Country in support of HB423 to create the Great Plains Dinosaur Park in Malta. As a partner in the tourism industry, we realize the impact that this center would have on our area. We anticipate the building of a Dinosaur Park in Malta to be an interesting tourist attraction, attracting visitors from all over the world, and increase the economy in Missouri River Country.

As a promoter of tourism, we give our full support to HB423, the creation of the Great Plains Dinosaur Park in Malta.

Sincerely,

Carla Hunsley

Carla Hunsley,
Executive Director
Missouri River Country



Anne Boothe

From: Ruth [rmatgram@nemontel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 02, 2005 10:08 AM
To: malta@mtintouch.net
Subject: House Bill #423

Just to let you know that I personally as a member of the Missouri River Country Board, a private citizen of Northeast Montana and very much involved in tourism with the Visitor Information Center and local Culbertson Museum strongly support House Bill #423 promoting another project that will certainly draw tourists to this area. Ruth Mattelin, Culbertson, MT

Anne Boothe

From: Lonnie & Linda Link [lonlink@ttc-cmc.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2005 1:04 PM
To: malta@mtintouch.net
Subject: Re: House Bill 423

To Whom It May Concern:

I would strongly urge the legislators to pass House Bill 423.

It would add a whole new dimension to Northeastern Montana and help make it a destination for thousands of tourists and researchers. Our area (Phillips County) is struggling valiantly to cope with less and less income from industry. Dinosaurs in themselves could be an industry that would continue to produce new insight to medical research - joint movement, etc. - as well as bring people in to help augment tourism income.

Sincerely,
Linda Link
PO Box 698
Malta, MT 59538

654-2374

I'm sending this message to all 20 members of the Fish Wildlife & Parks Committee urging each of you to support HB423. I'm the hospital administrator in Malta and also am involved with local economic development activities the past 11 years. A local paleontologist, Nate Murphy, has discovered many world-class, one-of-a-kind dinosaur fossils in Phillips County. Our community really needs a place to display these fossils. Our community -- through a local non-profit Foundation, the Judith River Foundation [I'm on the board]--has worked with Nate for 3 years trying to find seed money for a place to display these world-class fossils. We currently have some people coming to Phillips County to view these fossils. If the specimens were able to be set up and shown properly, many more tourists would visit Malta and the surrounding counties in northeast Montana, spending considerable money when they visit. I would urge you to support HB423 to provide \$500,000 of seed money for a proper place to display these specimens. It would be an investment in the future economy of our area. Funding this project would greatly benefit the struggling Phillips County and northeast Montana economy. Again, please support HB423.

Larry Putnam

Sent to State Rep. Wayne Stahl & State Sen. Sam Kitzenberg plus all 20 members of the Fish Wildlife & Parks Committee on 2/1/05

cc: Anne Boothe, Nate Murphy

