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SB 328

TO: Legislative Representatives

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RE: **SB 328**

Dear Legislative Representative:

I urge you to oppose and defeat **SB 328** as written. The bill does not reflect or adequately provide for addressing cancers of higher incidence and mortality ie lung, colorectal, and breast cancer

Public safety is an issue and some of the reasons to consider are:

- 1 – Stated “newly introduced vaccines” are not evidence-based, but emerging technology in the treatment of cervical cancer.
- 2 – **SB 328** does not extend study and funding beyond cervical cancer and therefore limits data-driven medical practice.
- 3 – Existing cancer data for the state of Montana does not warrant diversion or isolation of funds to solely cervical cancer.
- 4 – This bill seems to be a maneuver to increase use of a particular treatment ie “newly introduced vaccine”, which may or may not be warranted.
- 5 – This bill *weakens* the goal of the existing Montana Comprehensive Cancer Control Planning Group by not allowing for collaborative work and support of evidence-based treatments supported by the current cancer data.

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~~Please do not be swayed by the appearance of high-dollar testimonials. There will be those who appear to support this bill who do stand to potentially benefit by it passing as written.~~

Please choose to be objective and consider the above points in opposition to defeat **SB 328**.

Thank you for your consideration.
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