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LT. GOVERNOR

Mrs. Chairwoman, members of the committee, for the record my name is John Bohlinger and I am the Lt. Governor of the State of Montana. I rise before you today in support of Senate Joint Resolution 27 on behalf of the people of Libby, Montana.

Libby is everything that makes Montana one of the world's finest places to raise a family: Beautiful vistas, clean waterways, and strong families that love and care for their children, as they dream of the opportunities for the next generation.

Adversity and challenge have faced Libby in the past few decades. The Schweitzer/Bohlinger Administration is committed to facing these challenges with the people of Libby. Together. As Montanans.

No Montana town deserves what happened in Libby—and when such a travesty does occur, the offending party must make compensation. The people of Montana demand it be so.

Any corporation that chooses to mislead, harm, and disregard the basic public safety of entire community needs to provide repatriations to that community—justice demands it to be so.

I urge you—as the elected body of the people of Montana—to send this message to Congress, for not only the people of Libby, but also for all the people of Montana who stand in solidarity with our neighbors to the Northwest.

Thank you.