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To whom it may concern,

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I support the idea of an Extension Agent in Meagher County. Our community has youth groups, senior groups and agriculture that would benefit from an Agent.

I have worked with the Girl Scouts in White Sulphur Springs for 18 years. There has been many times that an Extension Agent, who has many resources through the MSU Extension, could have helped us out on a number of activities. Also as a homemaker, there are times that a local person to contact with questions would be wonderful.

I am in favor of Extension Agent position being available to us in the near future.

Sincerely,



Carol Berg – Service Unit Manger for the WSS girl Scouts.

7 February 2005

Dear Member of the Education and Appropriations Subcommittee:

Please help us in an effort in getting an extension agent in Meagher County.

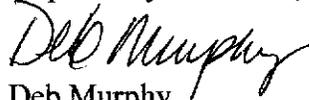
Because Meagher County does not have an extension agent, all the youth that are very motivated don't have the opportunity to excel in programs and educational advances which are available to 4-H through an extension agent and MSU.

We have a very large area with a small population, which needs someone to be the cohesive catalyst for our communities.

The 4-H program involves many of the youth in Meagher County and several involved parents. The need for an extension agent can inform and help build the youth in this area.

We are supported by county commissioners and want the input and expertise of an agent and the whole of the Extension Service and MSU. We are the only county in the state without an agent.

Respectfully submitted;



Deb Murphy

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Martinsdale, MT 59053

February 7, 2005

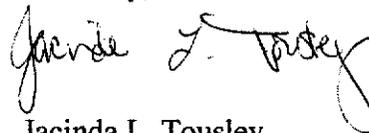
To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you in concern of the County Extension Agent for Meagher County 4-H clubs. Our county is in need of this agent not only for 4-H, but also for this county. We need this agent for help in our county with the youth. The youth in this county do not have as many advantages as some other counties do with agents. Our youth don't receive the information that the state sends to most counties because of no agent. In this our youth is being exempt from learning things from the state.

I have been involved in 4-H for 8 years. As president of the Mustang Club I would like to see the youth getting more information to be involved in what is happening in the state and how they can make things better in their community. I would greatly appreciate it if you would highly consider letting Meagher County have a County Extension Agent.

I would like to thank you for your time in reading this letter. I hope that you will see and consider the reasons why we need an agent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacinda L. Tousley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jacinda L. Tousley  
Mustang President

February 7, 2005

To whom it may concern:

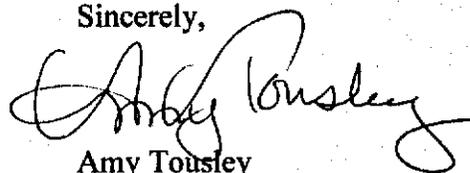
I am writing to you in concern of the County Extension Agent for Meagher County 4-H clubs. My concern is our youth in this county are not receiving the important information that the state is sending to other counties to better our youth. They are missing out on many opportunities because the information is not either sent to us or is late in being received.

I feel an extension agent will help this county in many ways. Not only in 4-H, but also with our ranchers around the community. The weed control program would also benefit from this agent.

I have been involved in 4-H for 8 years with my daughter and also as a leader. I am a rancher and feel my ranch would benefit from an extension agent.

I appreciate your time in taking of reading this letter and hope you highly consider giving Meagher County the chance to have an extension agent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Tousley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Amy Tousley  
Mustang Leader

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005

*To Whom It May Concern:*

*I am writing this letter asking for your support in getting a County Extension Agent for Meagher County. I have been involved with the 4-H program here in Meagher County for 16 years and have seen first hand on several occasions where children from our County have missed out on opportunities that 4-H offers. The information is sent out to County Extension Agents, then it is passed on to the children. We, however did not receive the information at all or found out to late for our members to participate.*

*I grew up with 4-H, my Mother was a Club Organizational Leader for over 20 years, I was a "Associate Member" for several years (What our club made available for what would now be a Cloverbud.), then went on to be a 10 year club member and now I am in my 16<sup>th</sup> year as a Club Leader. I grew up knowing the opportunities that 4-H offers and it made a tremendous impact on my life. I can honestly say that all of the bookkeeping skills that I use for my personal and our businesses I learned by doing the 4-H record book, (they used to much more complicated).*

*We have done the best we could in Meagher County without an Agent but I truly believe that we could do much better with the guidance of a County Agent. Just getting all of the information alone would be a great improvement.*

*Please, please, please, help us to help the kids in our community go as far as they are capable of going. Thank you for your time.*

*Sincerely,*



**Kathleen Hochstrat**

**4021 Highway 12**

**White Sulphur Springs, Mt 59645**

Stephanie Jones  
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Martinsdale, MT 59053

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of acquiring an extension agent in Meagher County. I believe we would benefit greatly by having an agent just as the other fifty-five counties in Montana do.

The ranchers, youth organizations, teachers, and individuals currently go to other county extension agents, the forest service, MSU or other places for information. An agent would be a great place to bring the many organizations together for guidance, insight and provide information.

Personally, I am involved with a 4-H club as a leader and mother of members, the public school system as a certified substitute teacher, the Martinsdale Community Aid as a member and the Mountainview Medical Center as a trustee. I feel that in all these capacities it would be great to have an extension agent to turn to.

Thank you for your consideration and providing Meagher County with the opportunity to obtain an extension agent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Jones". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Stephanie Jones