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I AM SPEAKING IN FAVOR OF HOUSE BILL NO. 259. I AM SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY PARTNER OF OVER 20 YEARS, MARY ANNE GUGGENHEIM.

WE ARE A FAMILY – MUCH LIKE YOUR FAMILIES. WE OWN A HOME TOGETHER AND PAY TAXES IN MONTANA AND TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE SHARE EXPENSES, CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WITH MONEY AND ENERGY, AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY. WE ARE A FAMILY – MUCH LIKE YOURS.

WE HAVE FOUR SHARED CHILDREN, ALL ADULTS NOW, TWO OF WHOM LIVE IN MONTANA. WE HAVE TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND ENJOY TIME WITH ALL OUR FAMILY ON A REGULAR BASIS. WE ARE A FAMILY – MUCH LIKE YOURS.

WE MOVED TO MONTANA, IN PART, TO EXPERIENCE ITS BEAUTY AND ITS RECREATIONAL RESOURCES. ANYONE WHO KNOWS MARY ANNE KNOWS HOW MUCH SHE ENJOYS FISHING. WE HIKE AND CAMP AND PROUDLY SHARE MONTANA WITH FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. WE ARE A FAMILY – MUCH LIKE YOURS.

MONTANA'S CONSTITUTION IS, IN MOST RESPECTS, A MODEL FOR ALL OTHER STATES IN ITS FAIR AND EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS. IT IS ONLY FAIR THAT MARY ANNE AND I BE ALLOWED TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER WITH RESPECT TO MEDICAL AND END OF LIFE DECISIONS. IT IS ONLY FAIR THAT WE HAVE THE SAME BENEFITS, PROTECTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AVAILABLE TO ANY OTHER COMMITTED COUPLE IN MONTANA.

WE ALREADY ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITIES. WE ASK THAT YOU ALLOW US TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS TO WHICH WE ARE ENTITLED AS CITIZENS OF MONTANA. PLEASE VOTE "DO PASS" ON HOUSE BILL NO. 259.

Jan Donaldson

Mary Anne Guggenheim