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March 30, 2005

Bill Penn, BSB Economic Development Officer
305 W. Mercury St.
Butte, MT 59701

Dear Mr. Penn,

Mainstreet Uptown Butte would like to express its support for the location of a Montana state public defenders office in Butte. Over the last few years, Uptown Butte has invested heavily in our high-tech infrastructure to attract businesses that need high speed Internet access and state-of-the-art videoconferencing capabilities. We have successfully attracted businesses that need to be able to communicate rapidly and continuously with clients and customers across the country.

At the same time, office rents in Butte, especially in Uptown Butte, compare very favorably with office rents in other parts of the state, including Helena.

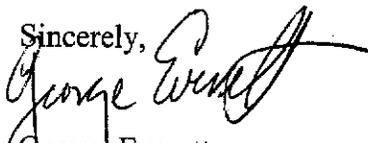
Such a decision to locate this office in Butte would most certainly result in savings for the state at the same time that the jobs associated with the office would be heartily welcomed and appreciated by the community, especially if they are located in the historic Uptown district.

As the group that represents small businesses in Uptown Butte, Mainstreet Uptown Butte would welcome and strongly recommend a close look at our city as the location for the state public defenders office. Thousands of square feet of upgraded office space abound in historic buildings including prime locations within only a few blocks of the Butte-Silver Bow Courthouse and Mike Mansfield Federal Courthouse. To name a few:

Phoenix Building at 66 W. Park Street
Hennessey Building, 130 N. Main Street
Metals Bank Building, 8 W. Park Street
Finlen Hotel, 100 E. Broadway
Silver Bow Club, 125 W. Granite Street

If we can provide any assistance or information during this continuing process to clarify the wisdom of choosing Butte as an office location, please contact me. We would be eager for the opportunity to tout our town's attributes and amenities.

Sincerely,


George Everett
Executive Director