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Mr. Chairman & Members of the
House Natural Resources Committee:

Thank you for the chance to testify before you today.

My name is **Steve Granzow**. I am a member of my local conservation district board of supervisors, serve on the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Board of Directors and as the organization's Legislative Chairperson.

I am testifying before you today in opposition to H.B. 69. The the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) funding—which is eliminated by H.B. 69— is critical to the work of CDs and other local entities all across Montana.

For your information, I have attached a copy of H.B. 6, which lists the RRGL applications that are under consideration for this biennium. If H.B. 69 passes, the state funding currently available for these specific projects will disappear for this year, the next ten years and likely forever. (It is almost impossible for a program to come back after ten years of no funding.)

I hope you will join MACD and oppose H.B. 69.

Thank you for your attention.