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The Honorable Karl A. Waitsches, Chairman
House Taxation Committee

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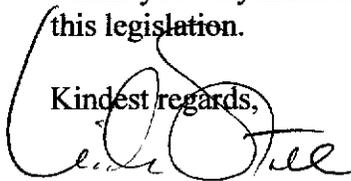
Dear Representative Waitsches:

In the event that I am unable to be present when the House Taxation Committee considers HB 720 (Rep. Sinrud's "certainty" legislation) in executive action, please consider this letter as reflecting the Montana Association of Planner's support for the amended bill.

MAP and the Montana Building Industry Association met last week to finalize conceptual amendments to the bill. The amendments being offered by the sponsor represent a consensus agreement between the two parties with respect to development rights of property owners at the time of submitting a completed development application. If the sponsor's amendments are accepted by the committee, MAP will withdraw its opposition to the bill.

Thank you very much for allowing us all the time to work through the issues contained in this legislation.

Kindest regards,



Linda Stoll