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SENATE AGRICULTURE

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**SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK & IRRIGATION**

House Joint Resolution No. 7

**Testimony of Nancy K. Peterson
Director, Montana Department of Agriculture**

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

For the record, my name is Nancy K. Peterson, director of the Montana Department of Agriculture. I am here to testify in favor of House Joint Resolution No. 7.

The department recognizes the concern of ruminant feeds shipped into Montana from Canada. Under the feed program, the department continues to conduct feed inspections and collect samples of feed from Canada. The department has proposed to increase the level of inspections, number of samples and methods of testing of all commercial feeds to ensure the safety of Montana's feed and cattle industries.

We appreciate your consideration and urge your support of House Joint Resolution No. 7.