

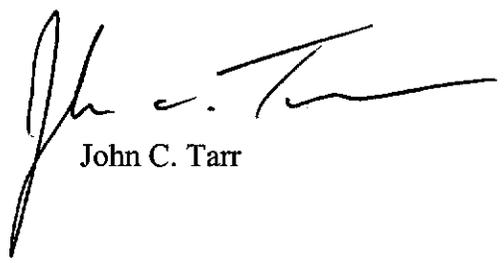
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Montana Senate
Attn: Senator Cocchiarella
Chair Business, Labor and Economic Affairs Committee

Subject: Letter in Opposition to Senate Bill 327

As the former Chief Investigator for the Montana State Auditor, my experience with Montana Bail Bonds business was not always positive. The removal of the continuing education requirement, one of the few controls on this group of individuals will result in a significant reduction of their professional behavior. In fact, the unscrupulous practices and lack of common sense exhibited by a number of Montana Bondsmen suggests the need for the Legislative Assembly to excerpt intensified control over their business practices not a lesser amount of control.



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