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The Honorable Senator Ken Toole
Members of the Senate Energy & Telecommunications Committee
Montana State Legislature
Helena, Montana

RE: SB 415

Dear Senator Toole and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to ask for your support of SB 415, the Montana Renewable Power Production and Rural Economic Development Act. I believe that SB 415 will substantially benefit Montana's economy, and I urge that you pass the bill out of the Energy and Telecommunications Committee.

Wind Hunter is developing the first 50 MW phase of a 300-500 MW wind farm in Valley County, approximately thirty miles north of Glasgow, and we are currently acquiring three other areas in Montana, which have similar same wind potential. Montana's renewable wind resources are immense, and this bill represents an important first step to tapping the benefits of these assets for the citizens and state. Wind power, and other renewables, enhance our energy security and reliability, keep energy dollars at home, diversify our energy supply, keep our air clean, improve public health, create jobs, and can add substantial income to the state treasury.

SB 415 provides developers, like us, with an incentive to invest in Montana and bring significant benefits to the rural parts of our state. Renewable projects, such as wind, solar and biomass are becoming new cash crops for rural landowners, helping to increase and diversify farm revenue streams and to counteract swings in commodity prices. Renewable energy development can provide a long-term source of jobs, income and tax revenues for rural communities.

For all of these reasons, I ask you to support SB 415.

Sincerely,
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