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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Lumber Yard Supply Co. has two offices – Great Falls and Billings. We supply building materials to lumberyards throughout Montana and Wyoming.

A very significant portion of our economy is driven by military dollars spent in this State. Whether they are spent in Guard or Reserve Units throughout Montana or at Malmstrom Air Force Base, without these dollars Montana's economy would endure a huge setback. I'm annoyed that some feel that spending money to combat the possibility that BRAC may close down any Montana military facility is somehow a regional problem not worthy of State attention. Virtually all other States fight hard to retain their bases and I think it would be a huge mistake for Montana to just stand by and hope for the best. Our Congressional delegation, though influential, may not be able to successfully carry the torch without at least the support of our own Legislature. Though meager, the funds proposed to protect our bases are essential.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Owen Robinson'.

Owen Robinson  
President