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**Downtown Billings
Partnership**

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Tim Davis
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Dear Tim:

Please put the Downtown Billings Partnership, Inc., and the Downtown Billings Association, Inc. down as ardent supporters of SB300. Main Street and city center revitalization is a hot topic for almost every community in Montana – small to large. In Billings, we have received great benefit from the federal executive order requiring all federal agencies to make every effort to find office space within the core of the city before settling for a location that may contribute to urban sprawl and empty office space.

Right behind downtown condo and apartment dwellers, office workers top the list for urban renewal and community economic development. SB300 would hold the State of Montana to the same high standards that their federal counterparts have long observed. Please make every effort to convey our needs to the Montana Legislature.

Sincerely,

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