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Deputy Director Chappuis
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Dear Mr. Chappuis:

Please submit this e-mail statement for me as a strong proponent for Senate Bill 110, for the I115 Medicaid Waiver carried by Senator Cobb.

As a member of the Montana Public Health Redesign Project, I consider this piece of legislation one of the most critical issues to be considered by the Legislature. We must find innovative ways to insure the uninsured,expand coverage without further financial burden to the state and find a way to assure that the Department has accurate, timely information to make decisions regarding how programs are actually working, what the financial status of a program actually is and to have actual data for future planning and to have actual data to present to the Legislature and to the Federal Agencies.

I respectfully urge the Committee to pass this Bill quickly so that negociations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to approve this Waiver can officially begin.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,
Edith Clark (State Represenative 1999-2004)