MONTANA STATE SENATE

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY
EXHIBIT NO. 7
DATE: 2-18-05
BILL NO. SB 448

+++++ WITNESS STATEMENT +++++

NAME KENNETH A DOWNS

ADDRESS 236 19th AVE NW

HOME PHONE: 268-1500 **WORK PHONE:** 452-1211

REPRESENTING GREAT FALLS EMERGENCY SERVICES

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL ? SB 448

DO YOU: **SUPPORT** ✓ **OPPOSE** ____ **AMEND** ____

COMMENTS:

THIS BILL PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ALS CARE TO RURAL MONTANA. UNLESS THE PARAMEDIC CAN BE EMPLOYED IN THE MEDICAL FACILITY THE COMMUNITY CAN NOT AFFORD A PARAMEDIC FOR THE LOW NUMBER OF CALLS BUT EMPLOYMENT IN A FACILITY COULD OFFSET THE LOW PAY FROM AN AMBULANCE COMPANY.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY