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Senator Carolyn Squires  
Chairperson, State Administration Committee  
Montana State Capitol  
Helena, MT

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RE: Robert Wynia, MD - Director DPHHS

Dear Chairperson Squires and Committee Members;

I would like to take this opportunity to add my voice to those that are speaking today on behalf Dr. Robert Wynia to become the Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Dr. Wynia is an outstanding choice for the position that he has been nominated to fill. I would like to congratulate Governor Schweitzer for his vision in selecting the best qualified Montanan for this position. The health and welfare needs of this state are larger than either political party. An examination of Dr. Wynia's record of accomplishment in his profession and in his community is testimony to the wisdom of our Governor's choice.

Being raised in eastern Montana, on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, he has seen first hand some of the needs that his department is expected to address. As a physician for the past 42 years, Dr. Wynia has devoted every day of his working life to attending to the needs of his patients and their families, he cares about and for people. He has been a leader in his profession, giving unselfishly of his time and talent. His fellow physicians have asked him to serve in numerous positions of leadership on a local, state and regional level, during the course of his carrier.

Dr. Wynia's caring and leadership has not been limited to his profession. He has been very involved in the business and civic life of the community of Great Falls for over thirty years. Not only as a member, but as a leader in his church, and in a number of service organizations Dr. Wynia has worked hard to make his community a better place for all that lived there. As an owner of several business over the years Dr. Wynia has created jobs, met payrolls, paid taxes, and is aware of the challenges that business owners face in today's economy. As a member of the business community in central Montana he has helped where ever possible to foster a better economic environment for all it's residents.

Dr. Wynia has devoted his life to making his community a better place for all people. You on this committee and in the Senate, have an opportunity to appoint one of Montana's most capable and dedicated citizens to a position that he is uniquely qualified for. I would hope that you will consider his appointment carefully, and after that consideration join me, many citizens across our state and our Governor, in endorsing Dr. Robert Wynia as Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Thank you Madam Chairperson for this opportunity to speak.

Respectfully Submitted

Keith W. Duncan

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Keith W. Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.