

SENATE TAXATION

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Senator Jim Elliot, Chairman
 Senate Tax Committee
 Montana State Capital
 Helena, Montana

Dear Senator Elliot and Committee Members:

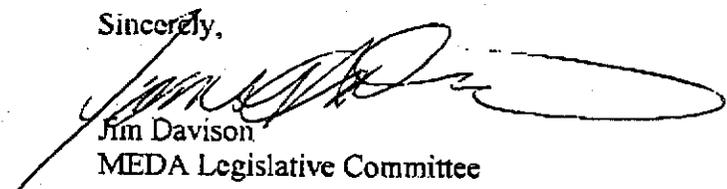
The Montana Economic Developers Association fully supports SB48.

MEDA is an organization made up of over 200 professionals dedicated to the economic development effort of the State of Montana on a daily basis.

MEDA supports a balanced approach to business equipment taxation. We have long advocated that the 3% is a competitive rate for the noted equipment classification. The bill also recognizes the need to provide needed relief to businesses while addressing the needs of communities. MEDA fully supports this balanced tax approach, which makes Montana businesses competitive on a tax basis with our surrounding states while not stripping communities of the resources needed to provide vital services to those businesses.

SB48 is a balanced approach and MEDA urges your support.

Sincerely,


 Jim Davison
 MEDA Legislative Committee

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