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HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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Representative Rick Ripley, Chair  
Natural Resources and Commerce  
Montana House of Representatives  
PO Box 200400  
Helena, MT 59620-0400

Dear Chairman Ripley:

My name is Leon Pattyn and I reside at 453 Newman Lane in Billings. I am a volunteer Board member and Chairman of District 7 HRDC based in Billings. I whole-heartedly support the provision in the Department of Commerce budget to include a program for mobile home decommissioning and replacement.

As a representative of low-income people from Billings, I want you to know what a huge impact and help it would be to have a way to remove substandard pre-1976 mobile homes that are unsafe and not energy efficient. The ability to borrow funds to replace these mobile homes at very low interest would greatly improve the opportunity for many low-income people to get into safer and more energy efficient housing.

HRDC is a community action agency where low-income people receive hope and opportunity. Providing mobile home decommissioning and replacement impacts a very vulnerable population and gives them an opportunity for safe and cost effective housing. I ask for your support and approval.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leon Pattyn".

Leon Pattyn, Chairman  
District 7 HRDC Board  
Representing Low Income Sector