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HB HB 556

"For All Your Dirt Moving Needs"

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Representative Jon Sonju
Chairman of Transportation Committee

Re: HB 556

Dear Representative Sonju:

MK Weeden Construction, Inc. is in full support of House Bill 556. MK Weeden works on large private projects throughout Montana. Having HB 556 would make MK Weeden more competitive in the private market. By working for the MDOT and having to carry the special fuel users license it puts MK Weeden at a bidding disadvantage in the private market. Non-special fuel users licensed contractors can burn non-taxed fuel so they have a $.52/Gallon advantage. A Wyoming company that does highway work for WDOT (they don't have a special fuel user license in WY) in Wyoming can come into Montana and bid on large private projects and have a large bidding advantage over Montana resident contractors. The same is true for North and South Dakota contractors on large private projects.

The $.52/Gallon adds up to $50,000 to $75,000 per month. On a one or two year contract it is a huge advantage to out-of-state contractors. Why does the MDOT want to put its in-state contractors at a large disadvantage on bidding work in their own state of residence? It doesn't seem right.

Best regards,

Monte Weeden

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