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Madame Chair and members of the committee,

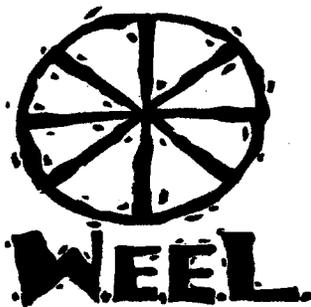
WEEL, Working for Equality and Economic Liberation would like to express our support for the Housing Montana Fund as would be established through Senate Bill 135. We are a statewide non-profit made up of low-income Montanans and those who support us. We are a grassroots organization providing advocacy and support for our low-income neighbors.

We support the Housing Montana Fund because this is an issue that is very important to low-income Montanans. Many of our members pay over 50% of their monthly salaries to housing. This doesn't allow for low-income families to establish economic stability. If you are a single mother, working a low-wage job, minor economic emergencies such as a new radiator for the car, can wreak havoc on a family's finances. We believe that in order for our members to break the cycle of poverty they must have an opportunity to establish economic stability.

Madame Chair and members of the committee we urge you to support the Housing Montana Fund because stability begins at *home*.

Thank you.

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