PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY

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Bill No. SB 287

MONTANA STATE SENATE
2007 LEGISLATURE

WITNESS STATEMENT

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DO YOU: **SUPPORT** X **OPPOSE** _____ **AMEND** X

COMMENTS (OPTIONAL):

I would like for the Bill to make it almost impossible for any official to deny the rights of a family to donate organs. Government should always err on the side of life. When one County attorney (Marty Lambert, Gallatin County) can over rule physicians, a County Coroner, two forensic pathologists and a grieving mother, something is terribly wrong with the law.

Presented with several viable options from allowing the Yellowstone County Medical Examiner to perform the autopsy during the harvesting of organs to letting the family fly the state medical examiner to oversee the action, one small man with a political agenda allowed 3-4 children die rather than let a wonderful young boy leave his legacy of life.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY