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**Hearing of the Senate State Administration Committee on Senate Resolution 9,
March 28, 2007**

Madam Chairwoman (Mr. Vice Chair) and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is Patti Keebler. I coordinate board, council and other appointments for Governor Brian Schweitzer.

On behalf of the Governor, it is my pleasure to present to you the name of Stan Boone, a cattle producer from Ingomar, for confirmation to the Board of Livestock.

I have provided members of the committee letters of support for Mr. Boone's confirmation. They come from:

- Douglas Harkin of Lolo (who happens to be a District Court Judge for the 4th Judicial District of Missoula) and who has known Mr. Boone for 30 years
- Craig Britton of Butte, who is the general manager of the Montana Livestock Auction in Ramsay and who has worked with Mr. Boone for over 30 years
- Dr. Richard Cunningham, a veterinarian from Hysham who has worked with Mr. Boone for 15 years
- Harold and Alice Fryslie of Bozeman, who have known Mr. and Mrs. Boone since 1970
- In addition, former Governor Ted Schwinden has offered his verbal support for Mr. Boone. During his term, Governor Schwinden appointed Mr. Boone to the Landowners/Sportsman's Relations Council.

Mr. Boone traveled here today from Ingomar and is prepared to speak on his own behalf.

On behalf of Governor Brian Schweitzer, I urge the committee to recommend confirmation of Mr. Boone to the full Senate. Thank you.

Patti Keebler
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March 19, 2007

Re: Stan Boone-Board of Livestock

Dear Ms. Keebler:

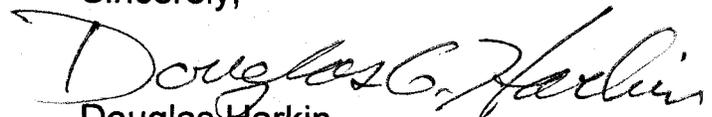
I have known Stan for over 30 years. When I first met Stan in the 1970's he ranched south of Hamilton and he gave me helpful advice about raising cattle as I carried on a family ranching tradition after hours from my day job as the Ravalli County Attorney.

It is a given that Stan (1) knows about cattle and (2) has a strong personality. What may not be immediately apparent about Stan is his broad range of knowledge about matters outside the Montana cattle industry. Stan has lived and traveled extensively outside Montana and can be relied upon to look ahead at developing trends that impact Montana businesses. He is smart and can be relied upon to give thoughtful consideration to what will be the reaction of others to our actions here in Montana. This foresight helps to prevent making a decision which invokes a negative response or allows casting the decision in a light likely to be accepted.

Don't be put off by Stan's strong personality; instead, use it as a testing tool in the decision making process. Stan speaks up strongly when there is a vacuum of opinions. When challenged, he will rethink his position and either stand by it, admit error or work toward a compromise that correctly fits the situation. That type of person on a commission or board is invaluable to reaching a reasoned and sound decision.

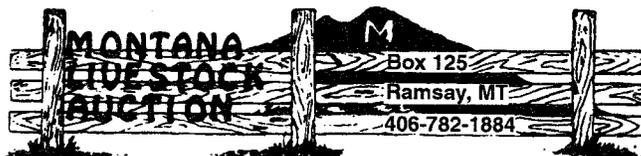
Finally, when the discussing and deciding is over, Stan returns to being what he really is at heart; a smart and decent person that will always be there to help out.

Sincerely,



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Dear Patti; (or to whom this may concern)

During the past two weeks I have been very interested and concerned about Governor Schweitzer's nomination to the Board of Livestock. It seems that there is some opposition towards Mr. Stan Boone's nomination. How can a cattleman not be excited about Stan even considering the challenge offered by the Governor?

I have known Stan Boone for over 30 years and have purchased from him and sold to him millions of dollars worth of cattle with no more than a handshake or a 'yes' over the telephone. Always his undertakings were done as agreed.

I would also like to state that Stan Boone has a world of cattle knowledge and his integrity would be a huge asset to the Board of Livestock and I urge the Senate to confirm him.

Sincerely,



Craig J. Britton

March 19, 2007

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RE: Confirmation of Stan Boone
State Livestock Board

Dear Ms. Keebler; (or to whom it may concern)

As a local veterinarian in Hysham, Montana I would like to voice my support for Stan Boone's confirmation to the Board of Livestock. I have worked with Stan for over 15 years concerning herd health in his cowherd and with his yearling operation. I have also written his health certificates for shipping cattle when needed.

Stan has a great working knowledge of the cattle business. He is hardworking and honest. I believe he would make an excellent addition to Montana's Board of Livestock.

Sincerely;



Richard Cunningham, DVM

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Keebler, Patti

From: Kelly, Keith
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 7:58 PM
To: Keebler, Patti
Cc: Hammill, Vivian (DLI)
Subject: FW: Support for Stan Boone

Patty, this is FYI. kk

From: A H FRYSLIE [mailto:ahfry1@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2007 4:40 PM
To: Kelly, Keith
Subject: Support for Stan Boone

Governor Schweitzer: This letter is written to offer our support for the nomination of Stan Boone to become a member of the Montana Board of Livestock. Harold and I have been acquainted with Stan and his wife Carole since 1970. Stan as a member of the Montana Cattlemen's Association served as vice president and president during the years that Alice was the executive director of the MCA. Stan has always been a straightforward man, honorable, and hardworking. He and his wife have successfully ranched in Montana for many years. Stan is a good cattleman and a true citizen of Montana who serves to advance good agriculture policies and business practices. We have no hesitancy to ask you to strongly consider him for a seat on the MT Board of Livestock.

Sincerely, Harold and Alice Fryslie