

EXHIBIT 6
DATE Feb 4, 09
HB 10

To: Committee Members

I would like to speak against any new funding for the Interoperability Montana program, which is part of the Department of Administration, under HB 10 on Page 3.

The recent Legislative Audit (08P-03) spoke volumes about the hurdles this project faces. This infusion of Taxpayer money only prolongs the fact that NO consistent and reliable steam of funds exists, and that Sustainability can't be proven at this time.

A look at the most recent Interoperability Sustainability Plan shows that in FY 2010-FY 2013 Budget Funding will be in DEFICIT to the tune of \$ 25.3 million dollars. Many optimistic funding sources are used to make this DEFICIT only \$25.3 million dollars. A worst case scenario could place the total DEFICIT at \$65.3 million.

Please review the Interoperability Sustainability Report (Page 20 of 28) to see the actual figures being used.

The link to the Sustainability Plan is:

http://interop.mt.gov/content/docs/IM_Sustainability_Plan_2009_01_29_final_draft_w_append.pdf

Thank you for your consideration

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