

EXHIBIT 2
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HB 540



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Re: HB540

The Axmen has been a Montana employer for 35 years. We also operate Axmen Propane, a full service Propane company in western Montana. We have a unique perspective as a fuel supplier, an alternate energy equipment retailer and installer, and an installing heating appliance dealer.

We have aggressively offered our customers many solutions to the energy crisis that each of them are facing. This bill would help all of us to make long term investments that will benefit us all.

On behalf of our 48 employees, their families, and our customers we urge support of HB540.

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Honorable Franke Wilmer
Member, Montana House of Representatives

2/12/2009

Dear Representative Wilmer,

On behalf of my company, Sunelco, Inc. located in Victor, MT, I would like to offer my support and encouragement to you and the House Taxation Committee in favor of HB 540, which would increase the tax credits for energy conservation and renewable energy installation.

Our business is primarily involved with solar and small wind installations for private residences. Most of our customers are hard-working citizens who are making every effort to minimize their carbon footprint and demonstrate to others that renewable energy can be both practical and affordable. Along with every renewable energy installation comes a long hard look at each customer's power consumption to see that they are using their solar or wind generated power to its maximum efficiency. Whether the customer is building a new home, retrofitting an existing home or restoring a piece of our architectural heritage we are constantly preaching energy conservation as the most cost effective way to manage power consumption.

If we are to be honest with ourselves and are really concerned about the legacy we leave behind for our descendents we have to admit that we cannot continue to grow our appetite for energy. There just isn't enough clean energy on the books to sustain the growth. A legislative bill that will encourage and reward Montanans to conserve energy and install new forms of clean energy is a strident statement to the state and the nation that we here in Montana are committed to preserving what we have and reducing our dependence on outside sources for our energy.

As has been frequently stated, energy conservation is the least expensive form or new energy. By encouraging more and more Montanans to make their homes energy efficient and reduce their power consumption, we can help to avoid the types of controversies now brewing over the Highwood Power Plant, Thompson River Cogen LLC and others around the state. Please consider these points when discussing whether to accept and move this bill out of committee.

Respectfully,

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