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Subject: Re: hb403**From:** "bud robertson" <pausaniass2@imt.net>**Date:** Mon, March 9, 2009 8:17 pm**To:** j.evanson227@sofast.net**Priority:** Normal**Options:** View Full Header | View Printable Version | Download this as a file | Spam | Not Spam

Our physical address is 51 Old Ulm Cascade Road, Cascade, MT 59421 and the phone is 468-0101 Francie & Bud Robertson

-----Original Message-----

From: j.evanson227@sofast.net <j.evanson227@sofast.net>

To: bud robertson <pausaniass2@imt.net>

Date: Monday, March 09, 2009 2:08 PM

Subject: Re: hb403

>Francie,

>Thank you so much for the letter! I will read it at the hearing if they will allow it as you asked.

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>Could you please add your contact information to it, in case any senate representatives would like to contact you about it.

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>Thank you so much!

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>Jacque Evanson

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>> I would like to urge all members of the State House of Representatives and the Senate to vote for HB 403.

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>> There are many grandparents, including us, who have taken an active role in raising their grandchildren. They provide a safe, secure environment for these kids. When an absentee parent suddenly decides he or she wants the kids, even after many years of being out of the picture, the courts usually side with the parent and return the kids. This bill would give some protection to the kids by allowing a judge to truly evaluate what would be in the child's best interest. It is about time. Kids should not be property, "owned" by a birth parent. Giving birth does not necessarily make someone a good parent. Kids have the right to remain in an environment where the child's needs are being met: nutritious meals, regular bedtimes, reading, playing games and most importantly, lots of love.

>> Drug and alcohol use are two of the biggest problems in our society and one of the reasons so many children are being removed from their homes and placed with relatives or foster care. Returning them to their non-custodial parent or parents can put kids in harm's way. We personally know several people who are raising a grandchild or grandchildren. In at least 3 of these cases, the parent or parents were drug users or alcoholics. None of the grandparents raising

>> these kids have drug or alcohol problems. And so far, these kids
>> are all doing well.
>> Please vote for HB 403 and help provide a legal way to provide
>> continuity of care for kids. They need it and deserve it.

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Sincerely, Francie

>> Robertson

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