



Senate Natural Resources Committee, Senators:
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SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES
EXHIBIT NO. 8
DATE Jan. 26, 2009
BILL NO. SB 101, SB102

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Re: SB 101 and 102

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 101 and SB 102. The Clark Fork Coalition is comprised of 1,500 members who work to protect and restore the Clark Fork River watershed, Montana's largest river by volume that drains a 22,000-square-mile basin in western Montana.

The Clark Fork Coalition supports SB 101 and SB 102. Both of these bills will allow the Dept. of Environmental Quality and Board of Environmental Review to better monitor public water and wastewater systems, as well as enforce corrective actions related to these systems. These proposed changes would allow the State to more effectively protect the water quality and aquatic health of Montana's streams, lakes, and ground water, as well as our drinking water, for today's residents and as Montana continues to grow in the future.

Thank you for considering these important bills. We urge you to pass them out of committee.

Please feel free to contact the Coalition with any questions or concerns. We look forward to continuing to work with you to address the challenges and opportunities facing Montana's water resources.

Sincerely,

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