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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2009

TO: Senator Jonathan Windy Boy

FROM: Karl Rosston, LCSW
Suicide Prevention Coordinator
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RE: Revised State Strategic Suicide Prevention Plan

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the recently revised Montana Strategic Suicide Prevention Plan for your review. As you may already know, Montana has the highest per capita rate of suicide in the nation with 30 of 56 counties ranking above the national 80th percentile. This plan outlines the risk and protective factors associated with suicide in Montana and identifies goals and measurable objectives. The Plan also identifies evidenced-based practices being implemented as well as the current suicide prevention activities that are occurring at the state, local and tribal level.

If you have any comments or questions concerning suicide prevention in Montana, please feel free to contact me at 444-3349 or krosston@mt.gov.

Thank you.