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SENATE TAXATION 5
EXHIBIT NO. _____
DATE 2.12.09
BILL NO. SB258

Montana Taxation Committee

RE: Senate Bill 258 – Comments from an industry employee.

Dear Senator:

I am writing opposition of Senate Bill 258.

I am employed as a Petroleum Engineer by a consulting engineering firm located in Billings, MT. I was raised and educated in Montana. In 1988 when I received my degree from Montana Tech there was no opportunities in Montana for Petroleum Engineers. I did not want to leave Montana so ventured in to the environmental engineering arena. After 15 years of working in various aspects of the environmental engineering field I was offered the opportunity to work in the petroleum industry.

The Oil & Gas industry in Montana allows me and family to live comfortably in the State that has been my family's home for three generations. I believe that the impacts of Senate Bill 258 would be detrimental to the industry and have a direct result in my economic status.

Thank you for not supporting Senate Bill 258.

Sincerely,

Brian Hohn