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**From:** Lowell Grant [peewee1@fmtc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2009 9:42 AM  
**To:** Polhemus, Debbie  
**Subject:** Dan Bucks

I've just learned that Dan Bucks is currently up for reappointment as Revenue Director for the State of Montana. I would like to convey my unqualified support for Dan. As a former Idaho State Tax Commissioner, I had the pleasure of working with Dan for 18 years during the time he was Executive Director for the Multi-state Tax Commission and later as Montana Revenue Director. Dan is a recognized expert in tax policy and commands the respect of everyone in this field. He is a passionate advocate and works tirelessly to protect states' interests in quality tax administration. The State of Montana would be well-served to have the continuing services of Dan Bucks as its Revenue Director.

Coleen Grant  
Idaho State Tax Commissioner, retired

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**From:** J. Treasa Glinnwater and John Espy [esph2o@ronan.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2009 9:00 AM  
**To:** Polhemus, Debbie  
**Subject:** Dan Bucks

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend that Dan Bucks serve another term as head of the Dept. of Revenue. He is an extraordinary individual who brings a long lifetime of experience and unceasing commitment to serving the real needs of the community to his position as administrator.

Thank you,

Treas Glinnwater  
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Ronan, MT 59864

P.S. Please send a copy of this email to all the committee members

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**From:** Brenda Erdelyi [erdebren@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2009 8:26 AM  
**To:** Polhemus, Debbie  
**Subject:** Dan Bucks

Dear Senator Essman,

I am writing to you on behalf of Dan Bucks, the current Director of the Montana Department of Revenue. As a resident of Montana, I hope that the Legislature supports the confirmation of Mr. Bucks. I have met Mr. Bucks and have listened to him speak about tax policy and the work that he does at the State level. Mr. Bucks is a man who demonstrates through his work a strong, passionate commitment to public service at the community level. As a social worker who works with disenfranchised and impoverished families, I greatly appreciate his philosophy regarding taxation. He is fair-minded and considerate of the working people in Montana and of families struggling to make ends meet. Furthermore, for the past four years, he has displayed strong leadership skills in the steps that he has taken to improve Montana's tax and appraisal system, in his hiring of competent staff, as well as measures taken to modernize our State's system so that it runs more efficiently.

I realize that the hearing regarding Mr. Bucks's confirmation is slated for this week and again wish for the Legislature to support Mr. Bucks. In this time of economic hardship, I think he is a man that will serve Montanans well.

Sincerely,  
Brenda Erdelyi, LCSW  
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**From:** Brian Upton [pontiac@montana.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 11:34 PM  
**To:** Polhemus, Debbie  
**Subject:** Dan Bucks confirmation

*[to the Secretary of the Senate Tax Committee: please distribute this letter to Chairman Essman and all Senate Tax Committee Members. Thank you very much.]*

April 15, 2009

Senator Jeff Essman, Chair  
Senate Tax Committee

Dear Chairman Essman and Senate Tax Committee Members,

I am writing to support confirmation of Dan Bucks as Director of the Montana Department of Revenue. I have heard Mr. Bucks talk, and have also had the opportunity to speak with him. Aside from having decades of experience in taxation and public policy issues, Mr. Bucks has the kind of integrity that we all like to see, but too rarely get, in a public servant in his position. I have been very impressed with his depth of knowledge regarding taxation and revenue issues, equity in taxation policies, and long-term vision with respect to policies. This last item is of particular importance to me because I don't believe there is enough long-term thinking these days with respect to public policy. Mr. Bucks knows he's working on behalf of all of Montana's citizens and I see that perspective informing his decision-making. I think he's done a great job of making the Montana Department of Revenue a much sounder state agency, and one which is better positioned to be effective for all Montanans now and into the future. He's brought some great people into the department, and I think his efforts to enforce compliance with Montana's tax laws not only help the State's bottom line, but also reinforces the key concept that everyone has to take responsibility for their share of State taxes - nobody should get a free pass or otherwise be able to shirk paying their taxes.

Please vote to confirm Dan Bucks as Director of the Montana Department of Revenue. I believe Mr. Bucks is one of Governor Schweitzer's most effective department heads. I've never before written a letter in support of any state or federal cabinet officials, but I'm impressed enough with Mr. Bucks that I wanted to take the time to write this one. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian Upton  
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**From:** Angela Goodhope [angela.goodhope@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 12:31 PM  
**To:** Polhemus, Debbie  
**Subject:** confirmation of Dan Bucks as Director of the Montana Department of Revenue

Please, if you would, give each committee member a copy of the following:

Members of the Committee,

I had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Bucks during a leadership conference last spring. Mr. Bucks obviously has strong, solid ethics. His breadth of knowledge regarding Montana and her many tax issues, was refreshing. It was refreshing to know the head of the Montana Department of Revenue had a commitment to maintaining equity, transparency, and a desire to serve the citizens of Montana fairly and without prejudice. Mr. Bucks has quite the list of accomplishments. He has a proven record for modernizing our tax and appraisal system. He is open to updating and maintaining Montana's Department of Revenue through advanced tax software systems. Just his action alone to speak, uncompensated to a group of people shows his commitment to public service at a community level.

In recent years, Montana has experienced an increase in revenue gained through compliance work. This is more of what Montana needs from administrative departments, etc.

Montana's tax system is working fairly and efficiently, largely because of the leadership of Bucks.

Please, help Montana continue to generate, fairly and equitably, the much needed tax revenue. Please confirm Mr. Dan Bucks for Director of the Montana Department of Revenue.

Thank you for your time and have a good day,

Angela Goodhope

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**From:** Karen Reeves [kbr@cyberport.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 15, 2009 9:18 AM  
**To:** Polhemus, Debbie  
**Subject:** confirmation of Dan Bucks

To Senator Jeff Essman, chair of the Senate Tax Committee and fellow members, I am writing in support of the confirmation of Dan Bucks as the Director of the Department of Revenue. Mr. Bucks has shown a strong commitment and dedication to his department. Under his direction he has helped to update the tax system and worked hard to ensure compliance from all taxpayers. This has been carried out in a fair and professional manner. His ability and willingness to explain complex tax procedures so they are understandable to laymen like me is much appreciated. He has my vote of confidence and I hope he will get yours. Thank you, Karen Reeves

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**From:** Jason Wiener [jason@howsyournetwork.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009 4:05 PM  
**To:** Polhemus, Debbie  
**Subject:** Support the Confirmation of Dan Bucks as DOR director

Please ensure the comments below reach the Senate Tax Committee before the relevant hearing on Thursday, April 16.  
Thanks.

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Senators,

I understand that you will take up the confirmation of Dan Bucks to be director of the Department of Revenue this week. I urge your confirmation of his appointment.

Mr. Bucks is a capable public servant, dedicated to equitable execution of Montana's tax laws. After four years of humble and upstanding service to Montana taxpayers, this confirmation should be a foregone conclusion.

If you disagree and intend to cast a vote other than in favor of Mr. Bucks' confirmation, I ask that you write and explain that vote because I can't understand why any outcome other than a full endorsement of this dedicated and capable public servant would be just.

In any event, thanks for your service,  
Jason Wiener  
1238 Jackson St.  
Missoula, MT 59802

TO: Senator Jeff Essman, Chair, Senate Tax Committee  
Senator Taylor Brown, Vice-Chair  
Senator Jerry Black  
Senator Gary Branae  
Senator Ron Erickson  
Senator Kelly Gebhardt  
Senator Kim Gillan  
Senator Bradley Maxon Hamlett  
Senator Christine Kaufmann  
Senator Robert Story  
Senator Bruce Tutvedt  
Secretary: Debra Polhemus  
FR: Patricia Dowd  
RE: Department of Revenue Confirmation of Dan Bucks  
DA: April 15, 2009

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Taxation Committee,

I write to you today, tax day, in support of the confirmation of Dan Bucks as Director of the Montana Department of Revenue. On tax day it is appropriate to look at Director Bucks' successes over the past 4 years and realize the importance of keeping the Montana Department of Revenue moving in the right direction.

Over the past 4 years, Director Bucks has created a Department with a strong commitment to public service at the community level. This open government philosophy and practice is vitally important to maintaining accessible government for all Montanans.

Director Bucks has helped the state receive increased revenues through aggressive compliance work, ensuring all Montana citizens and businesses pay their fair share in taxes.

Director Bucks has a proven record of modernizing Montana's state tax and appraisal system through improved management and should be commended for his efforts and accomplishments.

I hope you will confirm Dan Bucks as Director of the Department of Revenue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Patricia Dowd  
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**From:** Buchanan, Kim [Kim.Buchanan@gallatin.mt.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2009 8:29 AM  
**To:** Polhemus, Debbie  
**Cc:** Bechtel, Rich  
**Subject:** Director Dan Bucks

Good Morning Debra:

I have been in contact with Rich Bechtel in regards to the reappointment of Director Dan Bucks. Please share this e-mail with the Taxation Committee as I am not able to attend the hearing.

I was appointed Gallatin County Treasurer in February 2005 and was elected in November 2006 to serve a four year term (2007-2010). I have been in the Treasurer's Office since September 1998. It wasn't until I became Treasurer that I really started to understand the level of work and knowledge the property tax side of the Treasurer's Office took.

Over the last year, the Montana Department of Revenue – Appraisal / Assessment division has encountered a huge transformation with a new computer system and now we are upon Tax Reappraisal. I feel we need to reinstate Director Bucks at this critical time of reappraisal so he can guide the Appraisal / Assessment offices through this challenging time. The level of communication is starting to turn around between the Helena Dept. of Revenue – Appraisal / Assessment Office, Local DOR Appraisal / Assessment Offices and County Treasurer's. Communication and understanding is so vital especially now.

If anyone would like to contact me, please do so.

Thank you for your time,  
Kim Buchanan

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