

EXHIBIT 25  
DATE 11/2/2011  
HB 198

Representative James Knox  
Montana House of Representatives  
PO Box 200400  
Helena, MT 59620-0400

Dear Representative Knox:

As one of the committee members who will be hearing proposed Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications bills, specifically, HB 198, I want you to know that I live in Broadwater County, and I oppose House Bill 198 sponsored by Ken Peterson from Billings, Montana. Please prove to your constituents and others in the state of Montana that you are not a corporate Republican and that you uphold private property rights. This bill violates the constitution!

The bill begins with *"an act clarifying a public utility's power of eminent domain; clarifying that a person issued a certificate under the major facility siting act has the power of eminent domain; and providing an immediate effective date and a retroactive applicability date."* The bill gives power to NorthWestern Energy, TransCanada, multi-national corporations, out-of-state contractors, investors and shareholders and the profits they seek -- NOT the property owners and people impacted in your district.

Don't let Governor Brian Schweitzer and the highly paid lobbyists pushing this bill use the promise of jobs to sway your opinion. The State of Montana's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Mountain States Transmission Intertie (MSTI) clearly states job growth will be insignificant, and even of the hundreds of jobs touted by NWE, many will be out-of-state contractors.

Please protect Montana. If this bill passes, private property rights will be trampled. No industry, especially a foreign entity, should be allowed to condemn and steal American soil. Landowners' interests need to be the top priority. Montana landowners should not be forced to sacrifice their private property so MATL, MSTI, and other merchant lines can profit from out-of-state energy sales, especially when the line would not provide even one kilowatt of electricity to Montana homes.

Please VOTE NO on House Bill 198!

Sincerely,  
Curt Diehl  
454 Flynn Lane  
Townsend, Montana 59644



**Bill Petrovish**

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**From:** mary mcnally [mcnallyhd49@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 1:37 PM

**To:** Bill Petrovish

**Subject:** Re: Oppose, Oppose, Oppose Bill 198

Dear Curt and Zelda,

Thank you for your great concern. I will take your view into account as I make a decision on how to vote on this issue as to what best suites the residents of House District 49 and Billings. Your participation in the Montana Legislature is appreciated and encouraged. Thank you, again.

Best wishes,

Mary

On Sun, Jan 9, 2011 at 8:16 PM, Bill Petrovish <[moosetogoose@mt.net](mailto:moosetogoose@mt.net)> wrote:

Mary McNally (D-Billings)

Dear Mrs. McNally,

House Bill #198 is not in any respect of benefit to any Montanan. We oppose, oppose, oppose passage of this bill.

We see no conceivable constitutional validity in granting power to condemn private property by virtue of eminent domain into the hands of a few individuals.

Broadwater County is in line for utter devastation by desecration of private property rights should massive power lines be allowed to come into being here.

Please represent our urgent concerns.

Sincerely,

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