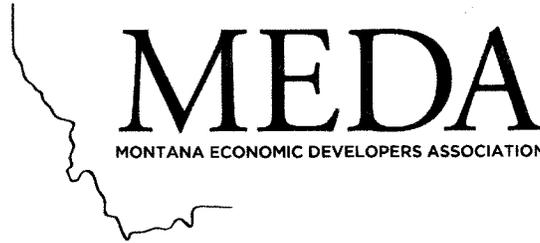


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**January 12, 2011**

**TO: Chairman Harry Klock and members of the House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications**

**RE: Generally Revise Eminent Domain Laws**

MEDA stands in support of HB198 which would generally revise eminent domain laws by reinstating public utilities into the law. This legislation clarifies a long standing principle that was called into question by other branches of government.

Historically, public utilities were included in eminent domain language. This legislation clarifies that policy.

The right of eminent domain historically provided to utilities allow for growth and development in our state. While we support private property rights, venues are available to protect and compensate individuals while providing for the common good.

We urge your support of HB198.

Sincerely,

Jim Davison, President

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