

COMMUNITY HOPE, INC.

EXHIBIT 7
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Joint Appropriations
Sub-Committee on Human Services
Helena, Montana

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you to provide written testimony because I am unable to speak with you in person. I am asking that you support the Amendment to include the funding for the Emergency Food Purchase in House Bill 2. This Amendment is crucial for the State of Montana and the families who reside here.

As optimism continues that we are in an economic recovery, several thousand families and individuals of this great state continue to feel an economic struggle. As the Director of Community Hope, the volunteers and I are on the front line of hunger, and we see no end in sight. Thousands continue to struggle; we see families and individuals from all walks of life, elderly on fixed incomes, married with kids and just not enough paycheck to get to the end of the month, the newly unemployed who have never needed help before, military servicemen and women who are returning home from serving our country, or ones just starting out on their own.

The food we receive thru this state program accounts for 20-25% of our distribution. Community Hope averages 200 – 250 food boxes per month. We see the relief in the eyes of people knowing that they can come to us and we can provide them with nutritional food to help them in their time of need. So we ask that you please consider all these that will be affected by your decision on Bill 2, and all that might go without this nutritional food.

Thank you for considering this request

Lisa Foreman



Director

Community Hope

OUR MISSION: *Community Hope is a non-profit organization serving the people of Laurel and the outlying areas by assisting them with basic living necessities during times of need.*