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## FAIR-MONT-EGAN SCHOOL

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Mr. Chairman and committee members,

My name is Susan Clanton and I am the business manager at Fair-Mont-Egan School in Kalispell. I live and work in the district and both of my children went to this school.

One of the goals for this legislature is to create and maintain jobs in Montana. The passage of House Bill 15 is an excellent way to achieve this goal and invest in the infrastructure of schools in Montana. In 2010 the district applied for and was granted a \$25,000 Quality Schools Facility Planning Grant which just concluded this week. These funds created jobs for local engineers and architects to create the designs for the engineering of our septic and storm water and advance the planning for two new classrooms for Special Education and Title I.

We have spent years creating a master plan and writing grants to achieve our goals. We are ready to complete the planning phase and invest in the construction. The grant for \$379,000 will provide months of work for contractors, architects, and engineers. We are ready to proceed. I urge you to fund these projects so we can both meet our goals.

Susan Clanton

Business Manager, Fair-Mont-Egan School