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Chairman Peterson
Honorable Members Of House Judiciary Committee

Representative Menahan. Thank you for introducing this bill.

HB 12 is deserving of your support. It should be passed out of committee and should become law. The modifications it makes to existing law will certainly improve the safety of our citizens

Those who choose to drive while impaired on alcohol or drugs, or a combination of both, wreak havoc on our highways, families and society.

They are deserving of much harsher penalties than are current.

Part of the reason that Montana routinely ranks near, or at the top, of DUI involved statistics is because our penalties are not nearly certain enough and certainly are not severe enough.

Having been a cop in Missoula for more than 38 years, I have seen the result of this accepting attitude that this state seems to have towards these murderers in waiting.

Enough is enough. It is time that we stiffen the penalties and start showing we care for the potential victims of these criminals.

This bill, HB 12, is an important step on that path.

Please support and pass HB 12.

Respectfully,

CC Ibsen