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HB 630

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Montana State Legislature
Helena, MT

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: HB630

I am a strong proponent of HB630. School districts, local and county governments in oil and gas producing areas are experiencing unprecedented impacts on infrastructure and government services. It is imperative that the revenues generated by oil and natural gas producing taxes remain in school districts and counties where energy production originates. A more than generous portion of these taxes already enters the state coffers, no further redistribution is necessary as proposed by SB403.

HB630 will encourage further exploration in Montana's oil country, resulting in greater employment opportunities and higher revenues for state and local governments and school districts.

Oil and gas development in Montana can help America become energy independent. Energy independence makes all Montanans and all Americans safer and more prosperous.

For these and many more reasons, I urge passage of HB630.

Sincerely,



Dennis Portra
Mayor of Bainville