

Madison County Weed Board

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Re: Senate Bill 365

Honorable Senators,

I am writing to voice my opposition of Senate Bill 365. As Weed District Coordinator, I am concerned with the reduction of support staff that would be the result of this bill's passage. I am dependant on this staff for help when utilizing funding from the Noxious Weed Trust Fund. These people are instrumental in ensuring that these grant dollars are spent appropriately and effectively. They help many of the weed districts across Montana with the grant process and tools needed to develop a comprehensive project. As a Noxious Weed Trust Fund Council member, I understand what an integral part of the program these people are. Without the support staff that is currently available to the weed districts, many of these grants will not be as effective and efficient as they are today. Please vote no on Senate Bill 365 and help protect our on-the-ground projects.

With respect,



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