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Bill Text w/Gov Line-Item Veto

The Honorable Linda McCulloch
Secretary of State
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Dear Secretary McCulloch:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby deliver to you House Bill No. 7 (HB 7), "**AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS FOR DESIGNATED PROJECTS UNDER THE RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM; PRIORITIZING GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE,**" which I have signed into law with one item "struck-out," or vetoed.

In my review of HB 7, in order to determine whether to fund or veto the reclamation and development grants included in the bill, I looked at whether the grant funding received the support of the local legislators representing the counties seeking grant money. Using this criterion, I vetoed the Richland County Conservation District project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer", written over a horizontal line.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR

cc: Legislative Services Division