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SB 401

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To: State of Montana Legislature, House Appropriations  
From: Matt Vincent, Butte-Silver Bow City-County Chief Executive  
RE: SB401

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Butte-Silver Bow's local government and its citizens, I state my strongest support for the advancement and passage of SB401. A bill of this nature is long overdue to the communities who bear not only the positive economic benefits, but also the long-term impacts from hard rock metals mining. No other community knows both sides of this issue better than Butte, The Mining City.

This bill will take a great step toward fiscally equalizing treatment for communities with extractive natural resource-based economies (e.g. coal, oil & gas, metals mining), and will give Montana's metals mining communities more certainty in dealing with any consequences/impacts of mine closures once our ore reserves are depleted. Butte-Silver Bow knows from recent history that the entrusted amount from the current allocation is not as much as our community needs require in the event of a major suspension/shutdown of operations.

In closing, please pass this bill on to the Governor with your strong bipartisan support: this is the right thing to do. The significant positive impacts this measure will bring to our mining communities far outweigh any small affects it will have on the State's general fund budget.

Sincerely,

Matt Vincent