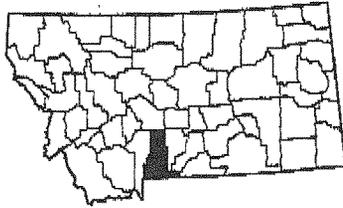


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Representative Mike Cuffe, Chair
Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Transportation
Montana House of Representatives
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RE: HB2 – Base Funding for the DEQ Subdivision Section

Dear Mr. Chair and committee members;
I have been a sanitarian for about eleven years, and have contracted to do sanitation review in subdivisions since 2006. When the housing market shut down, I watched a robust and useful state program get absolutely gutted. Sanitation in subdivisions is an extremely important process for protecting public health and environmental quality. It takes years to learn the laws and their implementation. Gutting a program simply because there has been a temporary down-turn in fees generated, is short-sighted by the state government. Giving this vital program a base funding will sustain this program in slower times, give staff time to update rules as necessary, and maintain the knowledge and expertise we rely on at the local level.

Please support this vital program by supporting HB2.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Barbara Woodbury, R.S., M.P.H.
Director of Environmental Health
Park & Sweet Grass Counties

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