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RE: HB2 - Base Funding for the DEQ Subdivision Section

Representative Cuffe,

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for HB2 in order to provide base funding for the MDEQ Subdivision Section.

I am a native Montanan and have worked as an environmental scientist for government agencies and private companies in Montana for the past 15 years. I currently own and operate an environmental consulting business specializing in MDEQ subdivision applications and septic system design. I understand the importance of the partnership between private entities and government for the protection of our valuable water quality resources in Montana.

As a consultant, I frequently contact our MDEQ Subdivision field engineer in Kalispell, Jarrod Mohr, with regulatory questions. Most times I have not submitted a subdivision application yet, therefore no fees are involved. Whenever I have questions regarding the Sanitation in Subdivision Act and associated rules, DEQ circulars, or the use of exemptions, Mr. Mohr has always helped answer such questions. In order to provide the best and most economical service to my clients, it is important to have these questions answered prior to submitting a formal application. Not having staff available to answer questions will ultimately increase costs to the public because it will take more time for people like myself to find answers, which we must pass on to our clients.

In order to promote development in a way that not only benefits our immediate interests but those of our children and future Montanans, it is essential that we have accessibility to personnel that can provide us with guidance and answers. For these reasons I strongly support base funding for the MDEQ Subdivision Section.

Sincerely,



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