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EXHIBIT NO. 9

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BILL NO. 94

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## POSITION ON LEGISLATION – MONTANA FOOD SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Presented to: Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Committee

Hearing Date/Time/Location: January 15, 2013; 3:00 PM, Room 335

Bill Number & Sponsor: SB 94; Dee L. Brown SD 2

Title: Revise laws regarding exchanges between home canners and gardeners

Recommendations: There are six members of the Food Safety Advisory Council. Five responded, all in opposition to the current bill draft. Three provided written comments (attached), two provided comment by phone.

The concerns of the Food Safety Advisory Council focused on lack of definition of the term 'exchange'. Also home canned foods can potentially create a risk of foodborne illness.

(Please see attached comments from Council Members)

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