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SENATE EDUCATION

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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BILL NO. SR 29

Mr. Chair and members of the Senate Education and Cultural Resources Committee:

I have previous commitments that preclude me from attending today. I'm Leslie Halligan, a third generation Montanan. My parents were raised along the hi line and worked for the Great Northern and Burlington Northern Railroads. My family connections to Montana have cultivated my interest in Montana history, its lore and its people.

While attending the University of Montana, I studied in Vienna, Austria, and enjoyed learning more about the arts and music.

As a current Trustee of the Montana Historical Society, I support the many outreach and preservation services of the Montana Historical Society that work to bring Montana history to the lives of students and citizens.

I'm a graduate of the University of Montana and UM School of Law. I served as a Missoula County Deputy County Attorney for more than 20 years and I currently serve as a Standing Master in the Fourth Judicial District Court.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Leslie Halligan