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Bill No. SB 179

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Senator Scott Sales, Chair
Members
Montana Senate Judiciary Committee

Subject: Senate Bill 179

Dear Chairman Sales and Members of the Committee

As a few of you might recall, I served Montana as Commissioner of Political Practices from 1999 to 2004. An important part of my job was to treat all citizens of Montana fairly and equally.

I urge a do-pass on SB 179 to add protections for LGBTQ individuals to the non-discrimination law that covers the state of Montana.

It's really very simple. Our laws must reflect the values of dignity, equality, and fairness for all people, and it's time that this law encompasses these principles. Discrimination has no place in Montana.

Sincerely,

Linda Vaughey