From: Murdo, Patricia
To: Liming, Kristina
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From: Jeanne Rankin
Sent: Sunday, July 13, 2014 6:58 AM
To: Murdo, Patricia
Cc: Stuart Doggett
Subject: Monday's Legislative Economic Affairs meeting

Dear Patricia,
Looks like you have a very busy meeting agenda on July 14, 2014 in the Economic Affairs Interim Committee meeting and it demonstrates a lot of hard work by you and your staff.
I am following up discussions that you and I have had following the May 20, 2014 Board of Livestock meeting and am looking over this upcoming meeting agenda on July, 14. It looks to be a very diverse industry group regarding per capita discussions, but *not* very *inclusive* panel regarding the laboratory possible solutions. Where are the invited veterinarians? Why have they been excluded for a discussion on a solution? If not here, then where?

Why is government NOT looking to the taxpaying citizens who actually UTILIZE the laboratory in their medical care of patients and in their businesses, when addressing problems and potential solutions?
The Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) will have our Executive Secretary present and myself as a private veterinarian (and MVMA board member) and hopefully others to be present to provide legislators with input from actual users of the lab during public comment.
What a disappointment that the population directly affected by any decisions regarding the lab were not included nor even notified of any problems with the laboratory until late spring of 2014, nor included in potential solutions.

I hope that veterinarians will be included in the upcoming discussions and that this intensive look into the department of Livestock will yield a much higher functioning, business like department that continues to serve the citizens of Montana.

Respectfully submitted,

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