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July 15, 2020

Director John Tubbs
Montana Department of Natural Resources
1539 11th Ave
Helena, MT 59601

Re: Expanding grants for septic and wastewater system upgrades and replacement

Director Tubbs,

The Local Government Interim Committee asks that you include septic and wastewater grant expansion in DNRC's Executive Planning Process to the Governor for inclusion in his budget request to the 2021 Legislative Session.

During the May 14, 2020 LGIC meeting, DNRC's Anna Miller delivered a presentation on possible solutions to failing septic systems in Montana. We ask that the grant amount for individuals be increased to create additional incentive for homeowners to replace failing systems. We also suggest that you increase public information and outreach to communities and individuals to ensure that citizens are more well informed of grant opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of the committee request.

Regards,

A blue ink signature of Margie MacDonald, written over a horizontal line.

Senator Margie MacDonald, Chairwoman

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Representative Geraldine Custer, Vice Chair

Cc: Anna Miller, DNRC