To whom it may concern,

I read this article <u>http://www.belgrade-news.com/news/feature/legislative-committee-considers-sales-tax/article\_e212b02e-e258-11ea-90e6-b75e35544f3c.html [belgrade-news.com]</u>.

The Montana state income tax is one of the highest in the country. Anyone who earns more than \$18,400 is expected to pay 6.9% of their income already to the state. That is high, especially considering how \$18,400 a year doesn't do much for the every day worker. Since you mentioned South Dakota, I'll have you note that South Dakota doesn't have a state income tax. The comparison between Montana and South Dakota only fits if you vote to remove the state income tax.

Vote no on the sales tax.

Sincerely, Ruth Nordin resident of Great Falls, MT