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Economic Affairs Interim Committee  
Montana Legislature  
State Capitol  
PO Box 201706  
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Dear Members:

Congratulations on a successful session. From delivering Montanans at every income level the largest tax cut in state history to making Montana debt-free in '23, I'm proud of what we accomplished to make Montana an even better place to live, work, raise a family, and achieve the American dream.

As your work on the Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC) begins, members of my administration and I are eager to collaborate with you and to keep our lines of communication open. My office, as well as state agency directors and staff, stands ready to assist you in whatever way we can to produce the best possible results for the citizens we serve. A list of contacts for your reference are as follows:

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Thank you for your service to Montana. I look forward to working together with you this interim.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte", is written over a printed name and title. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Greg Gianforte  
Governor