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Dear Long Range Planning Committee

Please support Project #4, the rehabilitation of the Petroleum County Courthouse, with Montana Historic Preservation Grant Program (MHPG) funds as recommended in the Governor's 2025 Biennium Executive Budget.

This project will have a huge impact on our community. It will stimulate our economy by creating jobs. It will revitalize the community by bringing back this ionic building to serve a better purpose that will impact our community members.

It will make this historic building fully functional and continue to serve the residents of our county. It will create much needed affordable housing and office spaces. One of the apartments and all five of the office spaces have been reserved which illustrates the demand even though the project hasn't even begun construction!

This project will address the needs to make the building fully operational for the 21st century.

Please help us fund the Petroleum County Courthouse Rehabilitation project by supporting the funding recommended in the Governor's Budget.

Sincerely
Russ and Luann Knutson
Lifetime members of this Community