

Bill: HB-2: General Appropriations Act 2021-01-19 08:00 AM - (H) JAS on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice

Position: Opponent

Representing an Entity/Another Person: No

Organization: N/A

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Written Statement: My name is Laurie Little Dog and I oppose the cuts that are being proposed in the Office Of the Public Defender budget as it relates to HB2. The services being cut will wreck havoc on the fair representation of Montana citizens. The OPD is already strapped to the bare bones in comparison to what County Prosecutors have at their disposal. The caseloads are impossible and has long resulted in MANY Montanans being unjustly imprisoned and given baseless (dirty) plea deals. Please amend HB2 so that Montana citizens are not getting the short end as standard practice.

Protect Montana citizens. Vote NO on HB2!