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Dear Mr. Karier, Mr. Reiten and Mr. Wright:

I recently learned of the formation of the Northwest Energy Efficiency Taskforce and take this opportunity to congratulate you on being named co-chairs. Montana has a long history of supporting energy efficiency as a critical component of our electric power supply and I fully support regional cooperation in the pursuit of energy efficiency. Energy efficiency has proven to be the region's lowest cost and lowest risk resource and should continue to remain the region's highest priority.

While continuing to prioritize energy efficiency I want to remind you that practical efficiency considerations for rural and small urban areas characteristic of Montana communities within the Columbia Basin often differ significantly from those which may prove popular and practical for more populous areas in other parts of the Basin. Please take care to avoid endorsement of efficiency measures which may penalize rural and small urban areas unless the taskforce can identify measures which will allow commensurate efficiency benefits for these customers.

It is my hope that the Taskforce will build upon the long history of regional cooperation within our four states from the Northwest Power and Conservation Council and The Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance. I look forward to the seeing the work of the Taskforce and I extend to you the support of my office.

Sincerely,


BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor