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From: Donetta Klein [dklein@montana.com]
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To: Ravalli County Commissioners
Subject: Title X

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County Commissioners:

I'm writing to ask you to vote again on the Title X funding, and this time to vote in favor of accepting the Title X funds. Hundreds of your constituents rely on this funding to meet their health care needs, and many took the time to share very personal stories at a recent health board meeting to attest to that need. The Ravalli County Health Dept. has been providing services with these funds for many years. I can't understand why you would refuse to accept funding that has been beneficial to your constituents. It seems to me that before you refuse to accept funding that meets a public health need, you should be able to show that the funding has resulted in detrimental outcomes. You have not done so.

\$50,000/yr in Title X funding meets the needs of approximately 400 of your constituents and their families. I evaluate Federally funded grant programs for a public entity and have over 20 years of grant management experience. I can say with certainty that this is a fantastic return on a very small investment of Federal funds.

I expect the Commission to spend its time solving problems and creating solutions to the many issues faced by the citizens, rather than creating unnecessary controversy. A vote in support of Title X funds would be a positive move in that direction.

Sincerely,

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