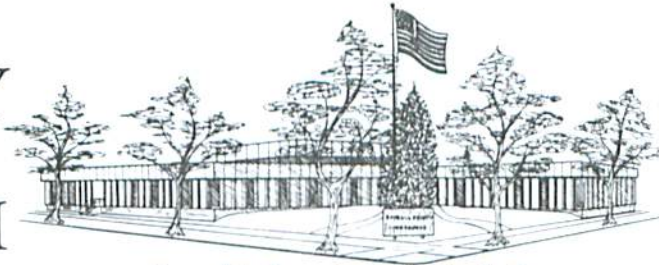


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**RE: Buckle UP Montana Grant**

Dear Montana Department of Transportation;

Please allow this letter to serve as our support for the Ravalli County Prevention Coalition's application for the Buckle Up Montana Coalitions - Occupant Protection Safety Practices Grant.

Our DUI Task Force works with the Ravalli County Prevention Coalition in order to reduce fatalities and incapacitating injuries to residents in our community, particularly as they relate to driving while impaired and the importance of using seat belts. Our coordination efforts include class room education in the schools and community as well as media campaigns.

One program which is very specific to the Ravalli County DUI Task Force is the Impaired Driving Education Program (IDEP). With the help of the Prevention Coalition, Montana Highway Patrol Troopers and local Law Enforcement Officers, the IDEP program has reached 2,673 driver education students, parents and 8th Grade Students since 2007. Every year our program reaches more community members and students. In 2007, our first year we reached 193 students. In 2011 we reached 637 students. An important piece of this driver education is the use of seat belts.

This grant will allow the Prevention Coalition its ability to continue this important work with the DUI Task Force.

If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at the above number.

Sincerely,

  
Glenda M. Wiles