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Missoula County Board of Commissioners:  
Commissioner Bill Carey  
Commissioner Jean Curtiss  
Commissioner Michelle Landquist  
200 W. Broadway  
Missoula, MT 59802

Re: Feasibility Study for an Exposition Multi-Purpose Facility

Dear Board of Commissioners:

We, the Board of Directors of the Missoula Building Industry Association, join with our community partners in the quest to see a feasibility study for an Exposition Multi-Purpose Facility conducted in Missoula.

As we embark on the fifth year of our Trade Show, a draw for more than 2,000 Missoula residents, we look to the future and the opportunity to have a state of the art, multi-purpose facility that is capable of hosting consumer shows, exhibits, receptions, banquets, meetings and conventions. Missoula is a community with a packed calendar of events, and a multi-purpose facility that can be used by sports enthusiasts to music mavens to art hounds to industry experts is sorely lacking.

The construction industry has been one of the hardest hit by the economic downturn, and we know that the ability to generate revenue during all four seasons is vital to making Missoula a vibrant place to live, work and play. We urge our local leaders to look at all the creative opportunities to diversify our economy and provide jobs and revenue to this community, as our employers continue to face challenging times. We need to support our current Missoula businesses by finding ways to generate new revenue into our community year round – which is our hope for the outcome of the feasibility study.

Sincerely,

Bill Clawson, Clawson Manufacturing, Inc.  
John Freer, Riverworks, Inc.  
Rebecca Babin, Community Bank – Missoula  
Wade Hoyt, Hoyt Homes, Inc.  
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