

February 17, 2009

Missoula County Commissioners  
County Courthouse  
200 West Broadway  
Missoula, MT 59802

RE: Market and Feasibility Study for an Exposition Center in Missoula

Dear Commissioners:

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to spring. As a community we are not well. Employment in the real estate and construction sectors of our local economy have been the hardest hit by the current recession. The closing of Stimson Mill and the bankruptcy of Smurfit Stone are just a few of the indicators of the poor economic health of our community. However, there are opportunities on the horizon. Some months ago the Chamber of Commerce in a bold move, agreed to take the lead in a process that may lead to a new exposition center here in Missoula.

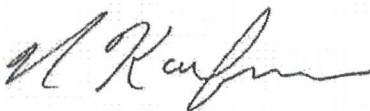
Following the lead of the Chamber, a number of prominent business people in Missoula formed a committee to look at the feasibility of new exposition center. With local grass roots support for this effort, the committee is at the stage of preparing a vital component of the effort, a feasibility study. We need your support to continue with this important next step.

The exposition center can be a focal point for a revitalized interest in local events and help sustain the hospitality industry in Missoula as well as boost retail trade and services. It will give the Commission a fresh opportunity to support local businesses in their effort to build a strong community.

I am asking for your support as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, as a business owner, and as a resident of Missoula County.

Thanks you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
WGM Group, Inc.



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