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Environmentally concerned Montanans

I represent environmentally concerned citizens who are in favor of reducing greenhouse gasses through a small scale Kyoto Protocol. We support the reduction of carbon emissions in Montana, and will speak out on the specific issue of coal-fired plant emissions by at least 30%. This is necessary to stop global climate change, and will create cleaner healthier air for the Montanans that live in it.

The Kyoto Protocol is the proposition, that developed nations should make a commitment to reduce green house gas emissions. Green house gasses are believed to directly affect climate change (global warming). The United States did not sign the protocol, but as an individual state we should create our own state wide protocol based on Kyoto Protocol. The Kyoto Protocol calls for the control of CO₂ emissions. Global climate change affects Montana's air quality, environment, and the condition in which Montanans can live healthy and happy lives.

The Following are Montana carbon emissions statistics:

Montana's per capita carbon emissions: 36.23 tons of carbon emissions. #7 highest carbon dioxide producer.

Total Montana carbon emissions: 108 million tons. Rank: 43rd.

Montana coal Consumption: 17million tons CO₂ emissions due to consumption.

Montana petroleum consumption: 11million tons CO₂ emissions due to consumption.

As shown by the above statements, action needs to be taken to control and reduce Green House Gas emissions due to coal based plants in Montana. As for our generation and others to come let's keep Climate Change under control by incorporating a stronger environmental standpoint in Montana. Montanans want clean air and a healthy environment to be able to

continue out extremely active outdoorsy lifestyles. We want our children and family to continue breathing clean air. We also need to keep “the last best place on earth” the last best place.

I will support legislation that makes an effort towards a cleaner environment and lessening green house gas emissions, as well as alternative energy resources, and oppose bills that are environmentally unfriendly.

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