

October 14, 2013
 Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC)
 PO Box 201706
 Helena, MT 59620-1706

Dear members of the EAIC:

As a licensed Respiratory Therapist from (insert city), Montana, I want to express my endorsement for the continuation of state licensure for Montana respiratory therapy practitioners.

I appreciate the oversight that that licensure provides. Licensure and the MBRC governing board offers the profession of respiratory therapy the ability to ensure that each licensed professional is held to the same standards of education, credentialing, and continuing education. There is also a system for support and accountability for those therapists that may be practicing beyond the Montana State license scope of practice as well as for those that may be troubled by addictions or criminal offenses that are affecting their ability to conduct themselves safely in a patient care setting. I trust that the Montana Board of Respiratory Care (MBRC) will advocate protecting our patients from unsafe practice. Licensure for respiratory therapy practitioners offers the ultimate system of checks and balances for patient safety. Please accept my endorsement for the continuation of licensure and recommend to the Montana legislature that licensure must continue.

Sincerely,

Licensed Montana Respiratory Therapist

*The above letter was signed by the following who emailed or mailed the letters to the EAIC:
 (names listed alphabetically and based on interpretation of handwriting. Letters are on file. These were received as of 10/21/13)*

Stan Alkire - Livingston	Jennifer Engle - Bozeman	Fran Oberlander - Billings	John T. Wirsching – Great Falls
John P. Anderson – Great Falls	Dyana Fischer - Livingston	Leah Olson – Great Falls	Glenda Zachary - Whitefish
Robert Archer -	John Fenner – Great Falls	Merle Phipps - Bozeman	
C Benson - Billings	Portia Fox - Bozeman	Patricia Plant – Great Falls	
Nancy Bergersan - Sidney	Kaityln Frank - Billings	Stacy Ristar (?) - Billings	Alan xx - Bozeman
Michael Biggins - Billings	Lisa Guinn - Kalispell	Angie Roselli – Great Falls	A Mxx - Billings
SP Brockhausen - Billings	Charles Hoenig - Bozeman	Scott Simpson – Great Falls	B xx - Billings
Jonathan Bruce - Kalispell	Gia Holiway – Livingston (also submitted detailed #4)	Michael Smith – Great Falls	Dal Rxx - Billings
Cealie Brumwell - Bozeman	Erin Jones – Great Falls	Lori Spina - Billings	David Txx - Billings
Dave Bunkers - Billings	Stephannie Keegan - Billings	Christine Stanish - Billings	DML - Billings
Katherine Campbell – Great Falls	Diana Kingsbury - Billings	Tammy Stephen(?) - Billings	GA xx - Bozeman
Bill Carmichael – Great Falls	Brian Lunson - Livingston	Tiffinie Thares - Billings	J Axx - Billings
Julie Carpenter - Bozeman	John MacDonald - Bozeman	Ryan Van Hook - Billings	J xx - Billings
Brian Cayko – Great Falls	Christopher Malone - Kalispell	Barbara Vogel -	KM xx - Billings
Marcella Chiavaras - Billings	Mary Anne Moseley - Missoula	Angelina Watt - Billings	K xxx – Great Falls (not sure if first letter is “K”)
Lena Cleveland - Billings	Natashia Murphy - Billings	Darrin Willard - Bozeman	Leanne xx - Bozeman
Kindra Degroot - Billings	Emil Myre – Great Falls	Amy Williams - Billings	
TaLoni DuBois - Plains	Justin Nelson – Great Falls	Elisha Williams - Missoula	R xx - Bozeman
Jim Ekstedt – Great Falls (also added a personal note)	Kayla Nelson - Billings	Michael Wilson - Livingston	R K – Great Falls (presumed to be Roy Kennedy based on licensee lookup system)
Kathryn Elam - Billings			

The following letter is a form letter for members of the public to send in to the EAIC regarding support for licensure of respiratory therapy practitioners, with signatures listed in the table below:

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Actual letters are on file under EAIC Letters Received, 2013-2014

Lisa B (Balfanz?) - Billings	A. Janskovitch - Billings	Judy Stolzenburg - Billings
Karen Costello - Billings	Arthur Kilwein - Billings	
Charlotte Fannon (dir of rehabilitation therapies – St. Vincent Healthcare)	Echo Konecki - Billings	Jeffrey Swanson (dir of facilities) St. Vincent Healthcare
Hilji E. Felix - Billings	Coleen Lee - Billings	
Lonnye F (dir. of pharmacy – St. Vincent Healthcare)	Amanda McKnight - Billings	Linda Varela (dir of vol & guest services) St. Vincent Healthcare
Eric Forseth - Billings	T(?) Petersen - Billings	Attorney – name unreadable -- Billings
Charles (?) H. (dir of food nutrition – St. Vincent Healthcare)	Bill R (dir. Biomedical Engineering) - Billings	Respiratory Therapy Class of 2014 and Class of 2015, Great Falls College - MSU