

January 27, 2014

RE: Boxing Commission Position *Derrick Sherlock*

Dear Department of Labor & Industry and Professional Boxing Commission:

This letter is sent with the greatest pride and respect for Professional Boxing history in the Great State of Montana.

Professional boxing has dated as early as 1923 with the Jack Dempsey vs. James "The Body" Johnson in a small community of Shelby Montana.

The whole idea behind that fight was to put Shelby Montana on the map with the rest of the country. What a wonderful way to get the media attention than to hold a heavy weight championship of the world in the great state of Montana and Shelby Montana.

Montana has come along way since those early years of boxing. Montanan's have produced Cruiser Weight World Champion like "Marvelous" Marvin Camel to Olympian Todd Foster. Professional heavy weight fighter and first Native American World Champion, Joe "The Boss" Hipp, proclaims himself proudly to be from Browning Montana.

Our point here is that Montanan's have a long history of armature boxers and Professional fighters.

What we don't want to see happen is Montanan's fighting for Montana boxing and this country to lose what we have had for so many years. From our Professional boxer's to the local armature working their way through the ranks with a hope and a dream.

We would hope that you give this some serious consideration before you eliminate the Boxing Commission position in the "Great State of Montana".

Sincerely,

Russell Hansen, Ring Official *Russell Hansen*

Bryan D. Porch, Judge *Bryan D. Porch*

Dana Wagner, Judge *Dana Wagner*

