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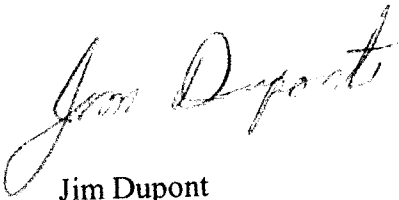
To: Whom It May Concern

RE: A Ray of Hope

A Ray of Hope and Bob & Peggy Christensen do a great service to Flathead County on a consistent basis. They take in troubled youths, parolees, probationers and others who might otherwise end up homeless on our streets, which so often leads to crime. They provide at least some stability to these lives in transition. They provide assistance and guidance in accessing local resources such as drug and alcohol treatment and mental health counseling. While Bob and Peggy certainly cannot control these individuals, the help is there for those who want it.

A Ray of Hope operates entirely from donations. Donated goods, services and an all volunteer staff. They deserve our support. The money they save our county in crimes not committed and cost savings from not prosecuting and not housing these individuals is very real. The very future of our community is at stake if we are not able to redirect these lives in flux.

Thank you for your time.



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