

April 13, 2011

The Honorable Jim Peterson
President of the Senate
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

The Honorable Mike Milburn
Speaker of the House
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

Dear President Peterson and Speaker Milburn:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby veto Senate Bill No. 114 (SB 114), **“AN ACT STATING THAT FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH LOCAL SHERIFFS BEFORE TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION IN A COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

I issue this veto of SB 114 because the bill, by its terms, is unenforceable and therefore unnecessary. Communication between federal and state law enforcement officials is established when those law enforcement officials talk to each other. Communication is not established through passage of frivolous legislation.

I respectfully ask that you sustain my veto of SB 114.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR

cc: Legislative Services Division