BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR

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April 25, 2011

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

Dear President Peterson:

In accordance with the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, I hereby return with amendments Senate Bill No. 29 (SB 29), **"AN ACT GENERALLY PROVIDING FOR THE TRAINING OF PERSONS SELLING OR SERVING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; PROVIDING A PENALTY; REQUIRING CONSIDERATION OF MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR RULEMAKING; AND PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE HAS SOLE JURISDICTION FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM."**

The agreement reached on HB 2 between you, me, and Speaker Milburn contains a line-item appropriation for the alcohol server and sales training program (amendment 5). The Department of Revenue (DOR) has developed and provided this program over a number of years and has trained over 400 community volunteers – including highway patrol officers, local law enforcement officers, DUI taskforce members, and others -- so that they can offer this program, free of charge, to alcoholic beverage licensees and their employees.

Absent my amendment, the DOR will be prohibited from providing the responsible server and sales training program, which under SB 29 is required of all retail establishments and manufactures licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages to the public. If that occurs, the retailers and manufacturers will have to pay for the training that will be offered by private vendors, and it is predicted the added cost to the industry will be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The sponsor of SB 29 supports my proposed amendments, and I respectfully ask for your support as well.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR

cc: Legislative Services Division

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 29
Reference Copy

Requested by the Governor

For the Senate Committee of the Whole

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1. Page 3, line 1.
Strike: "<u>NOT</u>"

2. Page 3, line 3.
Following: "~~SUBSECTION (1)~~"
Insert: "consisting of a train-the-trainer program for volunteer
     trainers who may provide training pursuant to [sections 1
     through 9] if the program meets the standards set forth in
     subsection (1)"

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