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Representative Ryan Lynch, Chair
Economic Affairs Interim Committee
Montana Legislative Services Division
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Re: SB390- Interim Study of Department of Labor and Industry Fee

Dear Chairman Lynch and Members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee:

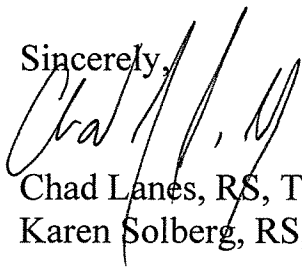
We agree with the comments provided by Susan Brueggeman and MEHA regarding the license fees for Registered Sanitarians.

We would like to stress how important it is to our profession to maintain a professional license for Registered Sanitarians. The board has already taken many cost saving measures, yet the license fees continue to rise. The board must be allowed to do its work without questioning whether there is enough money to meet to review a license application, a rule change or a complaint.

The best way to support boards such as ours, that serve in the interest of public health and safety is to provide financial assistance from public funds. As Susan pointed out, sanitarians are willing to pay a reasonable fee such as Nurses (\$100/2 years or Engineers \$50/2years).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Chad Lanes, RS, Tri-County Sanitarian

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