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James Park Taylor, Chairman
Montana Public Defender Commission
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Dear Jim,

I am pleased to have this opportunity to thank you and commend you for your service as your term chairing the Montana Public Defender Commission comes to an end.

Since the Commission's inception as an agency in July 2006, you have directed the defense of tens of thousands of Montanans who would otherwise be without the proper level of legal representation. Your commitment and dedication to your role as chair has undoubtedly made a crucial difference in countless lives.

I was proud to appoint you to the Commission three years ago, and I am grateful for your contributions to our state. My best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor