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Dear Mrs. Sullivan,

Missoula County was notified of a proposed rulemaking, 2-13-566, related to the State of Montana 9-1-1 program. Please accept the following as public comment regarding 2-13-566. Missoula County understands these rules are being adopted pursuant to the passage of HB 61 - Revise and update 9-1-1 laws, as passed by the 2017 Montana Legislature.

Having reviewed the rules, Missoula County finds that they articulate acceptable expenditures of 9-1-1 funds, define terms in the context of a 9-1-1 system, and prescribe how 9-1-1 funds will be allocated to local governments. These rules adopt existing practice by the State 9-1-1 program and will provide clarity to local governments hosting Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in the areas of expenditures and expectations.

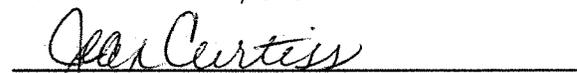
Missoula County agrees these rules are an essential first step to the implementation of HB 61 in modernizing the State 9-1-1 program and allowing for the transition to next generation 9-1-1 technology (NextGen9-1-1). Missoula County further recognizes that these are the first in a series of rules to complete the implementation of HB 61 and reserves the right to provide additional comments as additional rules are drafted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed rules.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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