

November 4, 2002

The Honorable Mayor James E. Smith
316 North Park Avenue
Helena, MT 59623

Dear Jim,

The Helena Citizens Council (HCC) encourages your effort to secure a federal grant for the reconstruction of the Missouri River Water Treatment Plant. HCC understands the importance of this drinking water treatment facility and shares your goal of providing safe and dependable drinking water to the citizens of Helena.

Clean and available drinking water is a fundamental component to community living. Inadequate and/or outdated water treatment facilities compromise a community's obligation to provide access to reliable, public drinking water as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Providing a backup to the Ten Mile Creek Water Treatment Plant is essential to the continued maintenance of our drinking water facilities.

Thank you for your efforts to secure funding for the reconstruction of the Missouri River Water Treatment Plant.

Sincerely;

Robert Habeck, Chair
Helena Citizens Council