Governor Steve Bullock, Office of the Governor
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Mr. Shaun McGrath,
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Senator Jon Tester;
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Re: Columbia Falls Aluminum site listing

Dear Governor Bullock, Senator Tester, and Administrator McGrath:

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to you for withstanding the withering pressure from Glencore/CFAC and their friends in high places, and proceeding to advocate for and propose placement of the Columbia Falls site on the federal Superfund's NPL. As long-time Columbia Falls residents and business people, we believe that this is the proper course of action to ascertain scientifically the kinds and extent of toxic contamination that exist here. Glencore/CFAC's demonstrated penchant to stall and do nothing could not be dislodged without your visionary decisions and exercise of authority. Nothing environmentally good will happen here without the regulatory power of government to nudge it forward. History is replete with proof of that.

We believe CFAC/Glencore will do as little as possible for as long as possible, in the interest of the bottom line. Their expressed concern about the 'future benefits to the community' are a sham, as evinced for the past six years of obfuscation and misleading PR. They have never, ever, despite delegations, hired PR reps, and publicity events, demonstrated <u>any</u> interest in the people here or the welfare of the community or the ecology of the Flathead basin. They are too colossal to conceive of 'community'. Their posturing and their sham expressions of interest in conducting their own

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contracted 'investigations' are just more of the same....buying time, hoping to wear down their critics, hoping to outlast the underfunded and back-stabbed agencies of government that were established in a more visionary era to serve the public good.

Your good offices should be wary of the often-used mega-company tactics of dodging financial responsibility. Creating a new corporation, transferring ownership and liability, and then the shield of bankruptcy and having battalions of lawyers to fend off and outlast the will and means of the EPA and state agencies has worked for others. And inevitably the American taxpayer ends up making the final great subsidy for all those dividends, profits, and bonuses that were enabled by not having a social or environmental conscience. CFAC/Glencore fairly cannot be held solely accountable for pollution stemming from their predecessors. But, they knowingly bought that liability and they do bear the accountability for that measured and very profitable risk.

Please accept our appreciation. The people of this community have spoken quite in unison and in many ways....meetings, written comment, and through our elected city officials, in advocacy of what you have decided admirably to pursue. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bill and Sarah Dakin
Broker/Owners
March 18, 2015

Cc: Rep. Ryan Zinke, Sen. Steve Daines, Jennie Chambers, Mt. DEQ