Representative Ryan Zinke
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Zinke:

I am a Columbia Falls resident and businessman appalled at your letter opposing the listing of the Columbia Falls Aluminum smelter site on the EPA Superfund list. You have no business stating that you are representing the people of this community in your opposition. You are not. The people of this community have spoken -- in person at meetings, by written comment, and through our elected city governors, and we have spoken almost unanimously that we want the site investigated and remediated, and that we are wearily fed up with the obfuscation and deliberate stalling of CFAC, its hired spokespeople, and its multi-national conglomerate owner. Many of us...who toiled at that place for two generations.... know very well what is buried, dumped, and stored there. You certainly do not. Your letter insults us and the officials that have far more knowledge of the site than you do.

I'm disappointed and appalled that you advocate for CFAC/Glencore, and have joined those who want to sweep the issue under the rug, minimize the 'harmful image', and spend years and more years stalling, misleading, and doing nothing while toxins potentially leach and percolate through the ground and into the Flathead drainage. We have six years of proof that, absent regulatory pressure, Glencore/CFAC will do nothing. The fact that these Montana Superfund sites take decades to mitigate is not the fault of the underfunded, back-stabbed EPA. It is the fault of the polluters, the huge corporations and the unending greed of their stockholders, and most of all, of apologists like you, trusted to represent the people, but who instead feed at the corporate trough and do their bidding to undermine the agencies that were created at a more visionary time to serve the public good.

We have no reason, no reason whatsoever, to have confidence that Roux Associates, in the employ of CFAC/Glencore, will independently 'investigate' the site. It's just more of the unending obfuscation and posturing. Only the government, which is supposed to serve the common people, can be trusted

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to test without bias. That is, if they can endure the pressure of congressional manipulation such as yours on behalf of the companies with so much to conceal and to stall about.

Your advocacy for Glencore is deplorable.

Sincerely,

Bill Dakin
Broker/Owner
March 18, 2015

Cc: Sen Jon Tester, Rob Parker [EPA], Jennie Chambers, Mt. DEQ, Gov. Steve Bullock, CF City Manager Susan Nicosia