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March 6, 2009

The Honorable Raymond H. LaHood, Secretary
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to provide you the State of Montana's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) section 1511 certification for the first round of transportation infrastructure investments.

These investments are listed in Montana's 2008-2012 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The public can view the STIP at: <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/recovery/> under "MDT's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009" link.

As we continue to amend the STIP to include projects funded by ARRA transportation dollars, we will submit additional section 1511 certifications.

The attached and subsequent certifications will be available on the Montana Department of Transportation's website for purposes of transparency and accountability. Montana welcomes every dollar that comes from the Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is committed to get the money on the ground as quickly as possible putting people to work.

Should you have any questions please contact Jim Lynch, Montana Department of Transportation Director at (406)-444-6201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer".

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 1511 OF THE AMERICAN
RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT:**

Pursuant to Title XV, Subtitle A, Section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Pub. L. 111-5(Feb. 17, 2009))("ARRA"), I Gov. Brian Schweitzer, hereby certify that the infrastructure investments funded with amounts appropriated by ARRA under the heading: "Highway Infrastructure Investment" to the Federal Highway Administration have received the full review and vetting required by law and that I accept responsibility that such investments are appropriate uses of taxpayer dollars. I further certify that the specific information required by section 1511 concerning each such investment (a description of the investment, the estimated total costs, and the amount of ARRA funds to be used) is provided on the Montana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and is available to the public at: <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/recovery> and linked to Recovery.gov.

I understand that my State may not receive ARRA infrastructure investment funding unless this certification is made and posted.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

Signed this 16th day of March, 2009