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To whom it may concern,

As state representative for House District 70, and a resident of Gallatin Gateway, I'm writing to voice my wholehearted support for the enclosed grant application submission from Superintendent Kim DeBruycker and the Gallatin Gateway School Board.

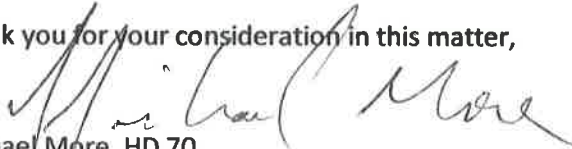
Having recently toured the Gateway school facility with Dr. DeBruycker, I can personally attest to the pressing need for a thorough analysis of the HVAC system currently in operation and the many significant concerns appurtenant to it. The most significant identifiable issues are as follows:

- Kitchen and classroom ventilation systems present considerable air quality concerns
- Gymnasium heat system is antiquated and extremely inefficient as well as noisy
- School's heat system currently utilizes two separate boilers requiring considerable ongoing maintenance. When functioning correctly the two units' overlap is redundant
- Crawl space ventilation is necessary to remove high humidity and potential mold spores
- Hallway heaters are frequently either malfunctioning or are missing necessary elements for safe operation

The grant request in hand would serve to identify and quantify any and all concerns with Gateway Elementary School's HVAC system, and the most efficient means to rectify them. That said, a preliminary engineering report for the school appears to be long overdue and the critical next step in bringing some measure of energy efficiency to the school's physical plant.

Again, I heartily endorse the enclosed grant submission and am available to assist in whatever way possible to bring the necessary preliminary engineering report to a speedy conclusion.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,


Michael More, HD 70