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Montana Policy Institute Website Seeks Tips on Government Waste

Bozeman, Montana--Citizens can now report government waste, fraud, and abuse at the new Montana Policy Institute website, www.montanapolicy.org.

The Montana Policy Institute, based in Bozeman, is a member-based 501c(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to making state and local governments more accountable to the people they serve.

All citizen tips will be researched by the MPI staff, which now includes an investigative journalist.

In addition to tracking government waste, fraud, and abuse, MPI is also working on two major projects to promote the liberty, prosperity, and quality of life for all Montanans: the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) and the Montana Transparency Project.

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights proposal would stop ratcheting up government spending by placing limits on spending growth. It would also build reserves during strong economic times and draw on those reserves when the economy slows and revenues decline. Excess revenues can be returned to taxpayers in the form of rebates or permanent tax relief. Studies show that Montanans would have had over \$3 billion dollars returned to them over the past 15 years.

The Montana Transparency Project will place all state and local spending on a fully searchable,

downloadable, web-enabled database. Citizens and legislators could see exactly where budgeted money is spent for every department, every county, locality and school board. Government entities could easily justify funding requests based on their open, transparent, and demonstrated budgetary requirements. Contractors could see who won bids and why.

MPI is Montana's premier resource for free market, individual liberty educational and informational products. Citizens can also join MPI and donate to these projects at the website, www.montanapolicy.org.

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