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Democratic Leaders Encourage Montana Homeowners to Take Advantage of \$400 Property Tax Refund

Explain How to Receive the Refund Check

(Bozeman-Billings, MT) Montana Deputy Minority Leader Bob Bergren (D-Havre) and other Democratic authors of Montana's \$400 homeowner property tax refund today encouraged Bozeman and Billings residents to take advantage of the refund and explained how to receive it.

"We're encouraging all Montana homeowners to be sure to apply for this tax refund," said House Deputy Minority Leader Bob Bergren. "We worked hard for ordinary families who live and own homes in Montana and we want every one of them to benefit."

Bergren said the refund will go to Montanans who will spend it on Main Street to help our economy grow. According to the Montana Department of Revenue, more than 40,000 homeowners in Yellowstone County and 22,000 homeowners in Gallatin County will be eligible for the refund.

"We cut more taxes for more Montanans in 2007 than at any time in history, and we did it the right way," said Bergren, "Now, we want to make sure everyone has the opportunity to learn about the refund and how easy it is to receive it."

Refund Facts:

- The \$400 per-household property tax refund applies to real estate property taxes paid on a homeowner's primary residence in 2006. If less than \$400 was paid in 2006, homeowners can sum their real estate property taxes paid on their primary residence owned and occupied for at least 7 months in 2005 and 2004 to reach the \$400 total.
- Applications will be available in late August. Applications will be mailed to homeowners, will be available online on the State of Montana's website www.mt.gov, and will be available in public places such as county courthouses and public libraries.
- The Department of Revenue will begin processing applications September 1, 2007.
- Homeowners must apply for the refund by December 31, 2007.
- Homeowners must have owned and occupied the home as their primary residence for at least 7 months in 2006.