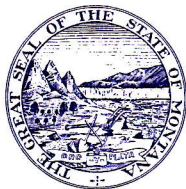


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Dear Mr. McCauslin:

Thank you for again writing about the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunities for Military Children. As I mentioned in my previous correspondence on this issue, I was then looking forward to working with legislators during the 2011 legislative session.

As you may know, Representative Franke Wilmer did introduce the legislation that would have made Montana a signatory to the Compact. The bill was tabled in Committee, however, and did not reach the Montana House of Representatives or Senate for a vote.

You may be interested in listening to the hearing that was held on House Bill 257 to better understand the issues about which some of the legislators were apparently concerned: <http://leg.mt.gov/css/bills/11BillCentric.asp?BillNumber=HB257>

I will leave office during the first week of January 2013, just as the next session of the Montana Legislature convenes. I hope you will be in touch with Montana's next Governor after the 2012 election to inform him/her of the importance of the Compact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the letter 'B' followed by a horizontal line.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor