



BUTTE-SILVER BOW
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Courthouse, 155 W. Granite Street, Suite 106
Butte, Montana 59701-9256

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RE: Engine 25 Restoration

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to express my support for funding to assist in the restoration of the Historic Engine 25 located at the Butte Civic Center in Butte, MT.

Recently the Engine 25 restoration group has reconvened and is working closely with the local Parks and Trails Foundation. The goal of these two groups is to work on preserving, adding a roof system, and fencing to the Engine. Currently they have a need for funding so that they can finish the repair of the dilapidated roof system, wood repairs within the cab of the engine, restoring the outside and inside of the engine, and adding LED lighting.

Butte-Silver Bow has a history that is rich and colorful, particularly in mining. Engine 25 is a steam locomotive that played a vital role in transporting copper ore, industrial materials, and passengers to nearby towns like Anaconda and Helena from Butte. Engine 25 is a significant artifact that represents the golden age of mining and transportation in Butte and Southwest Montana.

I ask that you provide the request for funding to help restore Engine 25 to its historic condition. Engine 25 represents just a small piece of the history of Butte. Without this funding the locomotive will be unable to show a visual of mining history for future generations. It is a critical component to a large part of our city history.

Sincerely,

J.P. Gallagher

Chief Executive of Butte-Silver Bow

