

# RELEASE: Statement on Bullock's Call for a Special Session

HELENA, MONT. – Chairman Debra Lamm released the following statement today after Governor Bullock called for a special session and announced tax increases to address the budget shortfall:

*"The buck stops with Governor Bullock: He mismanaged the state budget and spent beyond our means. We need to get our spending in order and that means cutting the bloat and bureaucracy in Helena, identifying savings, and making responsible and targeted spending cuts that protect the most vulnerable."*

*"I strongly warn Montanans not to be fooled by Bullock's call for temporary tax increases. There's no such thing as temporary tax increases, and if he gets his way, there is no doubt in my mind that these temporary tax increases will become permanent tax increases. Montanans should not have to pay the price with higher taxes because of Bullock's political games and reckless spending spree."*

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