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Greetings from Montana! It has been a busy spring and early summer for the MPMCSA. Board President Roger Schmechel and I were proud to represent MPMCSA at the Energy Marketers of America (EMA) Day on the Hill in Washington, D.C. This year's discussions focused on several key priorities for energy marketers, including protecting consumer access to affordable and reliable fuels, reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens, supporting sound underground storage tank policies, and promoting a balanced, all-of-the-above energy strategy. We also discussed tax policies affecting family-owned businesses, supply chain reliability,

and the importance of maintaining a strong transportation fuel infrastructure as our nation's energy landscape continues to evolve.

These annual meetings provide an important opportunity to share Montana's unique perspective directly with policymakers. Our congressional offices were receptive to the concerns facing petroleum marketers in our state, and we appreciate their willingness to engage in meaningful conversations about the challenges and opportunities impacting our industry.

Early June brought another successful MPMCSA Annual Convention and Trade Show at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. It was great to see such a strong turnout from marketers, suppliers, and industry partners from across the state. The energy throughout the event was a reminder of just how valuable it is to step away from the day-to-day operations and spend time connecting with colleagues, sharing ideas, and discussing the issues that impact our industry.

For our opening day, attendees had the opportunity to enjoy some friendly competition and were able to participate in both the trap shooting event and the golf tournament. Loui Sutey and Calvin Wilson took the win for trap shooting. The Cross Petroleum team with Ron Serpe, Charlie Straus, Mike Straus, and John Hanchett were the winners on the golf course. Christian Larsen had the longest putt and Mike Coldren had the closest to the pin.

Our fastest hole competition went to the team of Andy Hanks, Kenny Roth, Mike Deavila, and Steve Allred. We would like to extend another thank you to our generous sponsors who go above and beyond to make the day a success.

Wednesday, we had an outstanding lineup of speakers who provided insight on the issues shaping our industry. These updates are always valuable, helping members stay informed and prepared as regulations continue to evolve. The trade show was another highlight of the convention, with exhibit space selling out once again. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our vendor partners, whose continued invest-



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ment in our association creates opportunities for members to learn about new products, services, and technologies while strengthening the relationships that keep our industry moving forward.

We wrapped up the convention with a wonderful dinner celebrating our membership and the strong relationships that make our association successful. The live and silent auction provide the funds used for our annual MPMCSA Higher Education Scholarship. Supporting the next generation through educational opportunities remains an important part of our association's mission. We are grateful for our membership's generosity and enthusiasm, making the evening both enjoyable and meaningful.



As always, thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to another successful convention. We appreciate your continued involvement and look forward to seeing everyone again next year as we return to Fairmont Hot Springs Resort.



Montana is preparing to implement changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) that will prohibit the purchase of certain high-sugar foods and beverages with SNAP benefits. While the

state continues to work through the details of implementation, these changes will require retailers to understand and comply with new eligibility requirements at the point of sale.

MPMCSA has been actively engaged with the Governor's Office, state agencies, and other key stakeholders throughout the process to help ensure the transition is as practical and manageable as possible for our members. We have emphasized the importance of clear guidance, realistic implementation timelines, and consistent communication so retailers can adapt their operations while continuing to serve their customers effectively. As additional information becomes available, we will keep members informed and provide resources to help navigate the new requirements.

Summer will continue to be busy as we gear up for November's election and the 2027 legislative session. We hope everyone finds time to relax and enjoy time with friends and family.

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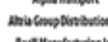

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