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**Governor Touts Report that Ranks Montana's Business Tax Climate as
Seventh Best in the Nation**

Governor Steve Bullock today touted a report from the Tax Foundation which found that Montana continues to have one of the best business tax climates in the nation. Montana was ranked as having the seventh best tax climate in the study. The Tax Foundation is a non-partisan tax research group.

"This report shows, once again, that Montana is a great place to do business," Bullock said. "In addition to our great tax climate, we have a highly trained workforce and an unmatched quality of life, which also entice companies to Montana. This is just another sign of what businessmen and women are recognizing: Montana is one of the very best places in the country to do business."

The Tax Foundation report highlights the fact that Montana has no sales tax as one of the key factors that sets it apart from other states and makes it appealing to businesses.

Last year Montana was ranked at #8 in the same report.

Governor Bullock has made it a priority to recruit new businesses to the state and support those that are already here. Since taking office in January, Bullock has reduced taxes on every business in the state and eliminated the business equipment tax for two-thirds of the companies operating here, while also making historic investments in education and maintaining a healthy budget surplus.

The report can be found at: <http://taxfoundation.org/article/2014-state-business-tax-climate-index>

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