Montana’s economy has great potential, strengthened by personal freedom and a state government with low debt and no sales tax. However, we haven’t been meeting our full potential. A burdensome regulatory climate, high income tax rates, and a growing substance abuse problem impede future economic growth that will bring former and future Montanans home. Governor Gianforte’s budget lays out the Roadmap to the Montana Comeback.

Montana Comeback Roadmap to the 2023 Biennium

- **Holds the line on new general fund spending** by decreasing general fund spending $100M over the biennium compared to the previous administration’s proposed budget.
- **Keeps our reserves strong.**

**Get Montana Open for Business**

- Reduces the top marginal individual income tax rate from 6.9 to 6.75%.
- Relieves 4000 small businesses from the business equipment tax burden by raising exemption from $100,000 to $200,000.
- Increases funding by 25% to programs providing property tax relief to low-income homeowners, including disabled veterans and seniors.
- Incentivizes businesses to come to the treasure state by exempting new businesses that bring long-term jobs to Montana from capital gains tax for the sale of employee-owned stock.
- Provides $2.5M of incentives to raise starting teacher pay.

**Get Montanans Back to Work**

- Invests $1M in trades education by providing businesses a credit for employee education and training.

**Protect Our Families and Communities**

- Commits an additional $23.5M/year to community substance abuse and prevention programs.