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**EMPLOYER AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT**

**Candidate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

To the employer: The above candidate is submitting an application to participate in the REAL Montana (Resource Education and Agriculture Leadership) Program. Please complete the following information to confirm your organization's willingness to grant the applicant time away from work for attendance at the seminars.

All forms must be received by the REAL Montana office by **May 31, 2019**

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Over the course of twenty months, REAL Montana will conduct ten seminars. Eight in-state seminars are each 3 days in length. Seminars typically begin at noon on Thursdays and conclude at noon on Saturdays (travel time not included). In late January or early February of Year One of the program, the class will participate in a one-week national seminar in Washington D.C. The international seminar will take place in late October of Year Two and will comprise approximately 10-12 days. The applicant's commitment encompasses a total of approximately 40 days of seminar attendance.

Your commitment of support is a significant contribution to the program and is appreciated. A seminar schedule is available at [www.realmontana.org](http://www.realmontana.org). Please contact the Program Director if you would like additional information regarding the program and its value to your organization and employee.

***"I have reviewed the REAL Montana material and will arrange for the necessary time for the above candidate to participate fully in the program."***

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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