

New Estimates Show that Montana Registered Agents Help Generate \$37 Million a Year for Roads and Law Enforcement

New educational resource Money for Montanans answers common questions about the state's registered agent industry and its role in funding public infrastructure.

HELENA, MT, UNITED STATES, September 17, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Every year, an industry

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most Montanans have never heard of helps generate an estimated \$37 million to help fund the state's roads, bridges, and law enforcement. It is Montana's registered agent industry, and it's been hiding in plain sight.

LLCTLC, a Helena-based registered agent company, launched a new public resource, [Money for Montanans](#), to help change that. As of 2026, vehicle registrations produce approximately [\\$130 million](#) in annual revenue for the state, and an estimated \$37 million of that originates from

commercial registered agents, according to data compiled by the company.

Montana's vast land mass requires significant investment to maintain its roads each year. Currently, only about [11.5%](#) of that funding comes from state-generated sources. The rest is through federal funds. The future of accessing Montana's outdoors and rural areas depends on creative solutions that increase available funds for road maintenance and law enforcement to protect residents.

WHAT IS A REGISTERED AGENT?

A Registered Agent (RA) is a person or company chosen by a business — like a corporation, LLC, or partnership — to receive important paperwork on its behalf. In Montana, an RA must legally have a physical address in the state where the business was formed.

In Montana, an RA can also represent the business at the Department of Motor Vehicles (or in Montana, the local Motor Vehicle Department (MVD)) to facilitate vehicle registrations. Many of Montana's registered agents offer this service in addition to other business needs. These vehicle registration services drive much of the revenue that the industry generates for the state.

There are more than 50 commercial registered agents currently operating in Montana.

HOW DOES THE INDUSTRY AFFECT MONTANANS DIRECTLY?

Money for Montanans addresses several questions Montana residents and lawmakers ask most often:

Does the registered agent industry affect property taxes for Montanans?

No. If someone has a physical mailing address in Montana, they have no need for a commercial registered agent because they would use their own address. People use a commercial registered agent because they don't have a physical address in Montana (such as a personal residence).

Does it make auto insurance more expensive for Montanans?

No. NAIC data shows Montana's average auto insurance expenditure in 2023 was below both the national average and states such as Texas and Florida. A more in-depth explanation is that Montana's smaller population and smaller insurance pool can make claim costs harder to spread, especially when weather, wildlife, repair costs, and rural driving conditions affect losses.

How does the industry help prevent a state sales tax?

Montana does not have a sales tax. Without a sales tax, the State of Montana relies on creative solutions (like commercial registered agents) to generate revenue that supports infrastructure needs statewide. Having the registered agent industry helps the affordability crisis by preventing the need for a sales tax and bringing millions of dollars to the state through business and vehicle fees.

THE REVENUE REGISTERED AGENTS BRING TO MONTANA

Each year, vehicle registrations in Montana, including the commercial registered agent industry, generate approximately \$130 million in revenue from vehicle taxes and fees. We can look to LLCTLC for a deeper understanding of where those contributions originate. Based on LLCTLC's three-year average, their contribution breaks down as follows:

- * More than \$12 million generated annually for roads, bridges, and law enforcement through Montana's Luxury Tax bill
- * \$55,000 in vehicle fee revenue
- * \$195,000 in business fee revenue
- * \$43,000 in sponsored license plate revenue

Based on these figures and industry standards, LLCTLC has estimated that the Montana registered agent industry as a whole brings in \$36,944,500 in revenue.

Sponsored plates compound that impact statewide. Montana offers more than 200 sponsored license plate options that fund 501(c)(3) nonprofit and collegiate organizations directly. In fiscal year 2025, the Montana Department of Justice's sponsored plate program generated \$8,323,163.182 for charitable organizations across the state, according to MVD quarterly revenue

reports available at <https://mvdmt.gov/by-the-numbers/>.

A RESOURCE FOR ANYONE CURIOUS ABOUT MONTANA REGISTERED AGENTS AND WHERE THE REVENUE GOES

“The money generated through this industry goes back into things Montanans rely on every day – our highways, our bridges, and our state troopers,” said Britta Cech, CEO of LLCTLC. “We built Money for Montanans so anyone, including lawmakers and Montana residents, can see exactly how it works.”

Money for Montanans serves as a plain-language reference for residents, journalists, and legislators who want to understand how the registered agent industry operates and where the revenue goes. The full FAQ, including sourced data on insurance rates and sponsored plate revenue, is available at moneyformontanans.com.

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ABOUT LLCTLC

LLCTLC is a locally owned and operated Montana Registered Agent in Helena, Montana, with more than 20 employees. Our services include Montana LLC formation, vehicle registration, and related customer services. Revenue from these services directly supports the Montana Department of Justice, which serves as the state's top law enforcement and legal agency, focusing on public safety. Learn more at <https://www.llctlc.com/>.

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