

January 31, 2005

EXHIBIT 2
DATE 2-1-05
HB 342

House Local Government Committee

Re: House Bill 342

Dear Committee Members:

We respectfully urge your support of the above bill, House Bill 342. We believe it returns to the citizens a small share of the power that made citizen participation in such debates virtually meaningless. For the process to be equitable in our democracy, each side has to work hard enough to convince the other that they have the best idea. To give the government most of the power in that debate makes the playing field very lopsided. If the people's voices mean nothing . . . what then?

Thank you very much for giving this your consideration, and for serving the State of Montana in Helena this year!

Sincerely,

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