

Exhibit Number: 16

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EXHIBIT 18
DATE 3/29/05
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February 18, 2005

Flathead County Commissioners
800 South Main
Kalispell, MT 59901

RE: Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

I have been advised that the City of Kalispell has requested extra territorial planning and zoning jurisdiction over areas outside the city limits. As a business and property owner, I am requesting that you exclude all properties located within the Evergreen Fire District from any interlocal agreement that you enter into with Kalispell.

I also ask that you exclude the property that Flathead County has agreed to appropriate for the proposed Flathead County Water and Sewer District #1 - Evergreen sewage treatment plant from any agreement that you would enter into with Kalispell.

Sincerely,

Jan Bechtel

454 Addison St

10 Acres

To Chairman Mark Noennig and all of the members of the House Local Government Committee:

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Thank you.

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To: Rep. Bernice Olson HD10

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KALISPELL, MT., 59904

Members

Montana House Of Representatives

March 7, 2005

This is in reference to SB 195 that we believe is going to have a profound impact on many of Montana's rural schools and our agricultural community. Given the ease with which this bill passed the Senate (38 to 12), it appears to have slipped through the cracks, under a lot of radar's.

Contrary to what it's proponents claim, this bill will severely limit all new growth and development in the counties effected by SB 195, to three areas: Within existing incorporated cities; within city designated "Quality Growth" areas; within county designated "Rural Centers."

Under SB 195, a city designated "Quality Growth" area, must be an area contiguous to it's city limits. A county designated "Rural Center" must have a minimum of 160 acres with an existing density of, "... at least one residential unit an acre." Most of Montana's smaller rural communities and rural school districts simply don't have the present density required under SB 195 to qualify as a county designated, "Rural Center." Again, contrary to what it's proponents claim, the only place under SB 195 that rural growth or development will be allowed to occur, is in those areas designated by the county as, "Rural Centers."

Because SB 195 will severely restrict and limit future rural growth and development to these designated areas, the inevitable result will be a corresponding decline in many rural school student enrollments. Ultimately, this will result in a decline in the number of rural schools in Montana, and the forced consolidation of many of our rural school districts.

SB 195 would also limit the ability of Montana's struggling agricultural community to profitably manage their lands. An important tool, the economic potential for developing their lands, would be taken. This will have the unintended consequence of limiting the ability of our agricultural community to obtain necessary operating capital. To Montana's agricultural community, SB 195 will give new meaning to the term, "land poor."

SB 195 would have such a devastating impact to Flathead County, that three of their four Senators, including Senate Minority Leader Bob Keenan, voted against the bill. And while, simply to limit legislative opposition, it's proponents cleverly excluded many less populated counties from the draconian measures that would be forced on local governments that would be initially effected by the passage of SB 195, it is our belief that it will only be a matter of time before a future legislative session will be asked to extend these measures to every county in Montana!

SB 195 will in all probability be assigned to the House, LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE. As of this writing, no assignment has been made. When SB 195 comes to the Montana House of Representatives, we urge you to support Montana's rural parents, teachers, children, property owners, farmers and ranchers. Please oppose this bad bill.

P.S. We had planned on mailing you this on Monday, but we just found out SB 195 is being "Fast Tracked" to the LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE on Tuesday the 8th. Any questions I can be reached AT: 858-2206

Sincerely yours,
Russell Crowder, Chairman, ADM

Russell Crowder

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Jeff H. Larsen
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Attn: Bernie Olson
House Local Government Committee

3/4/05

Re: SB 195.

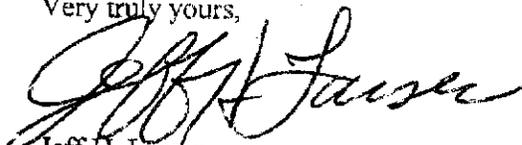
This bill is a horrible bill. Contrary to what the proponents say, the ultimate effect of this bill will be the elimination of rural development in targeted counties. The bill will eliminate rural property owner's rights to manage their land assets; will eliminate "local control" of land use decisions, will have a very negative effect on rural schools and will severely limit the ability of the agricultural land owners in targeted counties to manage their main asset, their land.

The bill will eliminate the long standing choice of where to live that Montanans have enjoyed for decades. The location where people live will be dictated from Helena instead of at the local level where it belongs. Is this really what you think would be good for Montana?

This bill would also have a devastating effect on Montana's economy. Rural development is one of the largest economic segments of Flathead Counties economy. Think of the jobs that would be effected by passage of this horrible bill. Jobs like septic system installers, well drillers, road building companies, concrete septic tank producers, engineers, land surveyors, land use planners, builders, plumbers, electricians and the list goes on and on. These jobs represent a multi-million dollar contribution to the Montana and Flathead County economy. These jobs pay some of the highest wages and taxes in the State of Montana.

I have now served five years on the Flathead County Planning Board. Two years as President and one year as Vice-president. Take it from me, that passage of this bill would be devastating to the Flathead County economy, rural schools and school children and our local agricultural community.

Very truly yours,



Jeff H. Larsen

Flathead County Planning Board member

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February 28, 2005

To: Chairman Mark Noennig and all of the members of the House Local Government Committee:

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Peg and Eric Hayes



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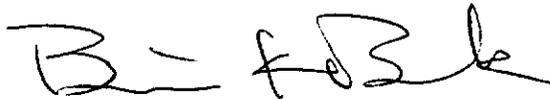
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Sandra Blee

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EVERGREEN BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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March 5, 2005

Bernie Olson HD 10
Local Government Committee
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RE: SB 195 Quality Growth Act

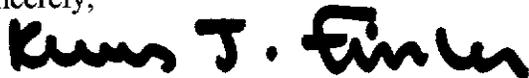
This letter is written to ask you to vote NO on SB 195, the "Quality Growth Act". We are an association of 240 business and property owners in the Kalispell area. We feel that this bill takes away local control of land use and is an attack on property owner's rights to the use of their property. Flathead County has just allocated \$60,000.00 for a long range planning task force that is made up of City, County, and private representatives from a broad based group of local individuals to determine the future growth of Flathead County. We have also just selected a firm to update and complete our growth policy.

Our community has the capability and determination to establish growth areas without a state mandate giving one entity complete control. This bill will force high-density development where people do not want it, and will make rural Montana a place where only the rich can enjoy the Montana lifestyle.

This bill will give planning and zoning jurisdiction to elected officials that are not elected by the property owners that it affects.

Enclosed are letters from members of our association who are small business and property owners in the Evergreen area all asking you to vote NO on SB 195.

Sincerely,



Kerry J. Finley
President