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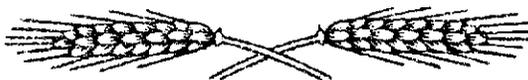


EXHIBIT 9  
DATE 1.24.05  
HB 69

January 21, 2005

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: House of Representatives

RE: HB 69

It has been brought to the attention of the Town of Fairfield that House Bill No. 69, is going for a vote Monday, January 24, 2005, if passed if would greatly impact small cities and towns such as Fairfield should public facility grant funds be reallocated to another project.

If, **HB#69** is passed, the impact on our infrastructure projects would be devastating.

Our Town relies tremendously upon the grant funds that DNRC has always provided and if taken away; it will greatly jeopardize two of our most critical current projects; **WATER and Wastewater** improvements.

I speak for my Town Council and myself and implore you to please **Vote Against HB69**. Our small town as well as our sister cities and towns throughout the State of Montana will suffer greatly. I cannot emphasize enough the long range hurt if would cause our local budgets if we lose DNRC grant funding or have it cut. Loss of grant funding opportunities will force us to go out into the open market for funding and the picture is not pretty. Our Budgets are already stretched to the limit with not many new means of securing funding.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and please hear our plea.

Respectfully yours,

Lillian I. Alfson, Mayor  
Town of Fairfield

