

EXHIBIT 5  
DATE 2-16-05  
HB. 44

Representative Mike Lange,

Please consider carrying a bill to revise the existing Billings Airport Police Retirement program. We are now under a program in which we are vested after five years. We presently only receive 2% of our annual average wages for each year of service completed. We are also penalize if we retire if less than 60 years of age. We are subject to lower monthly benefits if we list our spouse to receive our benefits after death.

We would like to receive the same benefits as the Billings Police Department, Montana Highway Patrol, County Sheriff's Departments and Campus Police Departments where as we would receive 2½ % instead of 2%, Not be penalized if we are at least 50 years of age and not be penalized of we choose to list our spouse as a beneficiary. We

We are certified Law Enforcement Officers, all P.O.S.T. certified through the State of Montana system. As P.O.S.T. certified officers, we have the powers of arrest, are responsible to enforce local and state laws and additionally Federal Laws when pertaining to the Aviation industry.

We believe there are approximately 30 certified Airport Police Officers in the State of Montana at this time who would be effected under this program.

Thank you for your efforts,

Airport Police Officers

*David Lindhart*  
*Robert Worthen*  
*Kelly Jagan*  
*Mike Kransky*  
*Mike Hattis*  
*Ken Best*  
*George Kowalsky*  
*Jeff M. Laughlin*