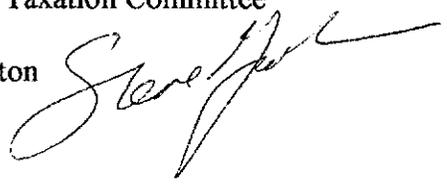


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SB 184

TO: Representative Waitschies, Chairman House Taxation Committee
FROM: Steve Golnar, City Manager, City of Livingston
RE: Support for Local Option Sales Tax SB184
DATE: March 10, 2005



The Livingston City Commission and the Local Economic Development Corporation in Park County, the Alliance Development Corporation, support passage of SB184 which would create local option sales tax authority. We are specifically supportive of the redistributive formula proposed in this bill.



ALLIANCE
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
The Economic Development Corporation for Park County

January 20, 2005

Senator Jeff Mangan
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
P.O. Box 200500
Helena, MT 59620-0500

Dear Senator Mangan:

Regarding: Support of Local Option Sales Tax

The Alliance Development Corporation, the local economic development corporation serving the City of Livingston and Park County communities supports the concept of establishing a statewide local option sales tax on luxury goods and services. This local option creates an opportunity for local communities to determine if it is in their best interest to utilize such taxation to expand their revenue base. In Park County, our communities have seen the continuing growth of the tourism and service industries and the usefulness of this option here is reflective of our continued evolving economy.

Sincerely,



SHARON WALKER
President