MONTANA STATE SENATE

+++++ **WITNESS STATEMENT** +++++

Senate Local Govt. Comm
Exhibit 3
Date JANUARY 20 2005
Bill No. 184

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REPRESENTING CITY OF LIVINGSTON

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL ? SB 184

DO YOU: **SUPPORT** ✓ **OPPOSE** ____ **AMEND** ____

COMMENTS:

1. The City of Livingston, population 6051 as of 2000, has been tentatively certified as meeting "Resort Community Criteria" under the ~~the~~ current state Law, except we don't meet the 5500 population Cap.
2. With increased visitation + tourism to our Community, we are being hammer for such services as dispatch, ambulance, traffic capacity, infrastructure + Law enforcement.
3. There are increasing demands on our Community and limited options. Our local economic development organization supports the creation of a local option sales tax (See letter.)
4. We are supportive of SB184 with some form of Revenue sharing provisions to allow local communities to better determine + fund their level of local service. This is the City's #1 Priority.
5. Thank you.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY