



Senate Local Govt Comm.

Exhibit No. 2

Date Jan. 25, 2005

Bill No. SB185

GALLATIN COUNTY

January 24, 2005

Honorable Senator Jeff Mangan
Montana State Senate – Local Government
PO Box 200500
Helena MT 59620-1800

**Re: Senate – Local Government, 1/25, 3 p.m.
SB 185 & SB 158
Impact Fee Sub-Committee**

Dear Chairman Mangan:

The Gallatin County Planning Department and Gallatin County Road Department support the creation of a sub-committee to further investigate and prepare suitable legislation addressing impact fees. We are encouraged with efforts by Senate – Local Government to take on this issue and strongly support passage of reasonable regulation.

Gallatin County has imposed road and fire impact fees for nearly eight years and believes we have a model system. For obvious reasons, we support statutory authority that corresponds with our impact fee policy. Within the past year, we have hired Robert Peccia & Associates of Helena to assist us in updating our road impact fee program. We are currently in the process of finalizing that review and hope to amend our program in the near future.

We will continue to track the progress of Senate Bills 185 & 158, and any eventual outcome presented by the sub-committee. We are available to answer any questions during the interim.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Maegic
Gallatin County Planning Director

Lee Provance
Gallatin County Road Superintendent