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TO: Members, Senate Local Government Committee
FROM: Doris Fischer, Madison County Planner
RE: SB 255

I am writing in support of SB 255. Madison County has struggled for the past 2+ years to enact airport land use regulations that would comply with state law, be understandable to the general public, and relatively easy to administer. We have found Title 67, Chapters 4, 5, and 6 to be impossible to work with, since each chapter outlines a different process for adopting local regulations. In places, these processes conflict with one another.

Last year, the Madison County Commissioners resorted to adopting an interim airport zoning ordinance, to "tide us over" until such time as the Montana Legislature would act to clarify the law. That opportunity has come, in the form of SB 255.

SB 255 may not be perfect in every detail, but it is a vast improvement over current law. I urge your support of it.

Doris Fischer

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