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Senator Jeff Mangan, Chair
Senate Local Government Committee
Montana Senate
Capital Station
Helena, MT 59620

Re: Senate Bill 290

Dear Chairman Mangan,

Please accept this testimony in general support of SB 290, an act to revise certain aspects of the Subdivision and Platting Act requiring water and sanitation information to be provided as part of the preliminary plat process as well as other supporting amendments. Providing water and sewer information at preliminary plat will allow the public an opportunity to comment on those aspects of the proposed development as well provide the necessary mechanism to satisfy the opinion of the Attorney General regarding this matter.

New Section 4 outlines the necessary information to be submitted. To this section we request a minor addition. The Sanitation in Subdivisions Act requires newly subdivided lots to be connected to a public water and/or sewer system if the proposed subdivision is within 500 feet of a public water or sewer main as long as certain conditions are met. The availability of public services within 500 feet of the proposed subdivision is vital information to be submitted early in the subdivision process. We believe this minor revision is consistent with the purpose of SB 290.

Again, we support the amendments proposed to the Platting Act with the revision stated above. We believe these amendments will satisfy the disconnect stated in the Attorney General's opinion and provide public participation relating to water and sewer in the subdivision process.

Sincerely,

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Health Officer

CC: Members of the Senate Local Government Committee