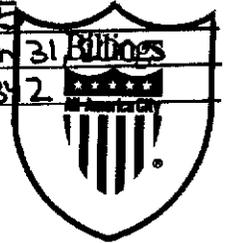




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Senate Local Govt. Comm.
Exhibit No. 5
Date March 31 Billings
Bill No. HB 342



Please Vote NO On HB 342

April 1, 2005

Senate Local Government Committee Members:

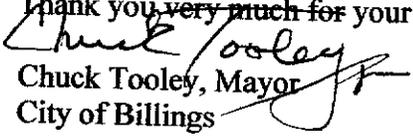
HB 342, if approved, will reduce the protest requirement on the installation of sanitary sewer systems from 75% to 50%.

This change will make it more difficult to secure the approval of sewer installations, and this uncertainty could have a stifling effect on the home building and construction industries.

The 75% protest provision for sanitary sewer projects has been the law in Montana for 20 years. It has helped cities extend services, opened up new areas for development, promoted home building and other construction and worked to protect water quality.

HB-342 would work counter to economic and community development and the Billings City Council and I ask you to please vote against this measure.

Thank you very much for your consideration.


Chuck Tooley, Mayor
City of Billings

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