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**Bitterroot Valley  
Chamber of Commerce**

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Local Government Committee  
Montana House of Representatives

Dear Committee Members:

The Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce urges you to support HB 235. This expansion of the business improvement district program would be a major asset for Hamilton and the Bitterroot Valley. As we are a smaller community we are unable to qualify for the accommodations tax and this would give us an opportunity to raise the necessary dollars to market our community.

Please give this your support to expand this program to give us and other communities like us the opportunity to utilize tourism dollars.

Sincerely,

Diane L. Wolfe  
Executive Director