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Dear Committee:

Because of my own committee schedule I was not able to testify on HB367 , the fireworks bill. I am very supportive of the bill because of the difficult 4th of July which my family experienced. In Great Falls, it was like WWII. The police were running all over town responding to complaints of fires, huge explosions (obviously illegal fireworks) and general chaos. In my neighborhood after 11PM there were still major fireworks going off---this is entirely a residential neighborhood. Two explosions lit up our entire block like it was daytime and the windows rattled. We kept out garden hose running all evening just in case an errant rocket ended up on our roof. Our dog was terrified. My two grandchildren ages 3 and 5 finally went to sleep about 12:30PM with their hands over their ears and cuddled up with a loving adult. This is crazy. This has nothing to do with patriotism or liberty or the best virtues we associate with the 4th. We need to allow local governments to set regulations that protect their citizens and provide for the quality of living we all expect, even on the 4th of July.

I would respectfully ask that my comments be made available to the committee and be part of the record on executive action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Dickenson".

Rep. Sue Dickenson