SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
EXHIBIT NO. 5
DATE 2.20.09
BILL NO. SB423

2-19-09

Chairman John Esp and Committee Members
Senate Local Government

RE: Senate Bill No. 423
Introduced by K Jackson

Dear Committee:
Please consider the following comments when considering SB 423.

1. I have spent 45 plus years managing lands in Montana and many years on the Local Conservation District Board. Our streams are special areas and must be managed correctly.

2. Helping landowners "do the right thing" is always better than requiring them to follow laws that may not fit their ownership. Giving them an opportunity to have buy-in to the management of the streamside area will always achieve better results. The land wins and the landowner wins.

3. The areas along our streams are already protected by "the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act of 1975". This act will only improve current requirements under the above law.

4. I would urge you to pass this legislation.

Sincerely yours.
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