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HB 246

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To Whom it May Concern

As private land owners we negotiated a conservation easement with Five Valleys Land Trust in 2011. It is an 108 acre easement in the Upper Blackfoot Valley, mile marker 76 on Highway 200. The process by Five Valley Land Trust was complete with a through check on all the necessary details involving this easement to provide a corridor for wild game crossing Highway 200, north to south and south to north. This also, created Open Space in the valley, as there are subdivisions both east and west of our property.

As a private property owner we have the choice and the right to decide what happens to our property. HB 246 would change this process. The process that Five Valley Land Trust used with us was successful and complete. A process that has been successful for years to make conservation easements, that provide public benefit to their neighborhood.

We do not need more government control or changes to this process that allows private property owners chose what to do with their property.

*James C Johnson*  
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