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SB 147

Statement submitted by Jeanette Zentgraf from Lolo, MT to the House Local Government Committee on March 14, 2013:

I support SB 147, because I believe it will clarify private property rights. Local governments should not be encouraged to limit all lands "surrounding" a ranch or farm for agricultural or ranching purposes, only.

We know that there is protection for private property rights in the U.S. Constitution's 4th and 14th Amendments. Yet some local governments in MT through various regulations are trying to limit the sale of property or part of the acreage to buyers, who will continue to ranch or farm. This restriction will impede the sale of private property and is an obvious infringement of private property rights.

Please support SB 147.