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Testimony for House Transportation Committee on SB# 111

For the record my name is Jerry Jimison and I have had the privilege of being the Mayor of the City of Glendive for 11 years. I come before you today in support of Senate Bill 111. From the perspective of the City of Glendive there are two main premises on which to support this bill.

The 2010 Census showed Glendive at 4935 residents while the latest census update increased this to 4947 for an increase of 12 residents in one year. I can assure you that Glendive is over 5000 in population at the current time. The reason I can say this is the way census data is gathered and updated. The 2010 information was gathered before population impacts from the Bakken occurred. When the census was taken trailer parks were empty and apartments were plentiful. Now there are no apartments available and the trailer parks are full. In fact there are currently five apartment complexes which have been completed or are at different stages of completion. Updates to census information are obtained from prior birth and death rate trends and does not include fluctuations due to large inflows of people. Thus the 12 residents the census says Glendive increased last year does not coincide with what is actually happening in our community. We contacted the State of Montana Department of Commerce Chief Research Economist with the Census and Economic Information Center Bureau and he agrees the effects of the Bakken on population have not been included within the census figures. Thus I can again assure you Glendive is well over 5000 in population. However under the current statute Glendive is excluded from sharing in the transportation funds due to census figures which do not project what is actually transpiring on the ground.

Although Glendive's current population per the latest census data is 4947 we also have a significant population adjacent to the City limits. This population brings this community's urban population to well over 7000 residents. The intent of the Federal funding is to provide funding to the "Urban" areas which receive the most use. Current State statute ignores the impacts of the urban areas unless the population within the incorporated City is over 5000. It is my belief this statute unintentionally circumvents the intent of the Federal funding guidelines.

The City of Glendive urges you to support SB 111.

Sincerely,

Jerry Jimison  
Mayor City of Glendive