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MOUNTAIN VIEW MEADOWS

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Dear Representative Greef,

I am the owner and developer of Mountain View Meadows. I am disappointed that the subdivision I designed and built was used as an example of why we do not need HB 385, a bill revising the valuation of cash in lieu for subdivision park dedications. HB 385 was heard by House Local Government Committee on February 12, 2015.

Mountain View Meadows is an example of why the parks requirements for subdivisions need to be fortified.

At Mountain View Meadows, we spent much more than HB 385 would require because of my personal commitment to parks as vital to every community for many reasons ultimately including home values.

As a City of Helena developer I see the lack of many standards outside the city lead to sprawl as urban clusters are placed in the county without the benefit of parks etc. HB 385 may at least afford residents with a modest park in which to relax, visit and watch their children play.

Parks give people a common place to gather for recreation and exercise. They allow children to play, parents to talk and families to be active together.

I strongly support HB 385.

Thanks,



Mark Runkle

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