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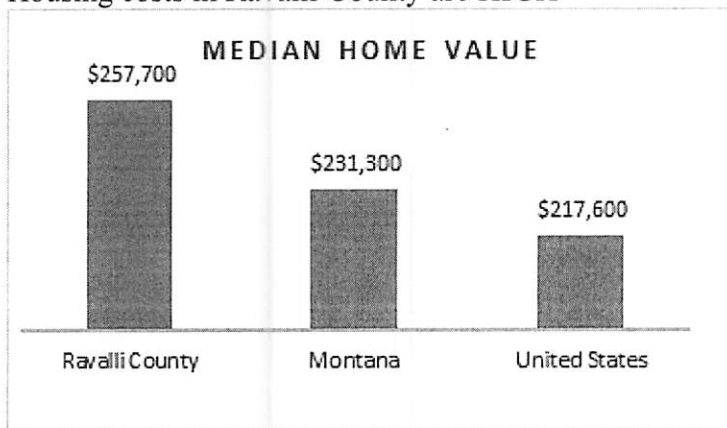
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**Subject:** Support for MT HB 16, SB 15 and SB 18

Please support MT HB 16, SB 15 and SB 18

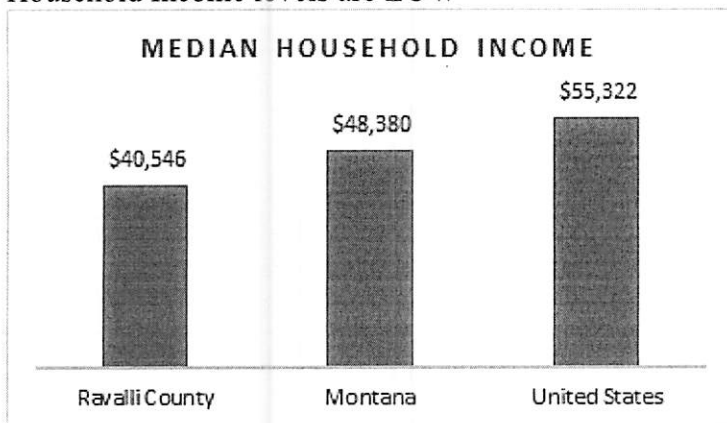
One thing I have learned over the last two years working with the Bitterroot Task Force on Homelessness and Housing is that solutions for preventing homelessness and alleviating housing insecurity are as nebulous as the circumstances that lead to becoming at-risk of homelessness or becoming homeless. I believe that HB 16, SB 15 and SB 18 each provide needed incentives for the investment in and creation of affordable housing.

From DP04 Selected Housing Characteristics, 2012-2016 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Housing costs in Ravalli County are HIGH



Household Income levels are LOW



Employers from Rocky Mountain Log Homes to the Stevensville Police Department and SAFE are struggling to attract and keep qualified employees because they can't afford to live here.

It has been over a decade since affordable multifamily units have been built in the county. Competition for federal tax credit is extremely high. The Human Resource Council has been trying to build affordable housing in Stevensville for over 5 years. Each time they have applied for federal tax credits they have been unsuccessful despite have donated property and \$575,000 in grant funding.

House Bill 16 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING LOANS WITH MONEY FROM THE PERMANENT COAL SEVERANCE TAX TRUST

Senate Bill 15 AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS

Senate Bill 18 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING TAX CREDITS

Please support MT HB 16, SB 15 and SB 18 .

Thank you,

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