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TO: Wyoming State Legislature  
FROM: The Wyoming Planning Association (WYOPASS)  
RE: Opposition to House Bills 0013 and 0014 (Municipal Extraterritorial Jurisdiction-repeal, and Municipal Jurisdiction)

Dear Legislator:

The Wyoming Planning Association (WYOPASS) is comprised of nearly 200 county and city land use planners, planning commissioners, and others directly involved in land use and transportation planning throughout the state.

While the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction issue has greatly divided counties and cities, WYOPASS will continue to consider the interests of both, and work towards suitable compromise. It is our understanding that HB0013 and HB0014 are “fall back” legislation due to the unsuccessful negotiations between the Wyoming County Commissioners Association (WCCA) and the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM). On September 12, 2017, WYOPASS presented recommended compromise language for consideration to WCCA and WAM. It was with great disappointment that our efforts were not incorporated into the legislative proposals, as we believed we were well on the way to reconciliation of both interests.

In a continued effort to achieve reconciliation, WYOPASS asks that the legislature not take action on HB0013 and HB0014 during this session. We are recommending that the matter be sent back to the Corporations, Elections & Political Subdivisions Committee for future consideration. Denial of HB0013 and HB0014 would “wipe the slate clean” and allow a more balanced reconciliation process.

In order to address the outstanding issue, we recommend that a sub-committee of the Corporations Committee participate with WCCA, WAM and WYOPASS in a reconciliation effort regarding potential legislation on “extraterritorial jurisdiction”.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The WYOPASS Board of Directors

P.S. We further note that the bills are not coordinated in that both have differing proposals for §34-12-103, and that HB0014 has language that would likely cause further confusion and arguments between counties and cities.

cc: WAM, WCCA

