EXHIBIT 11
DATE Fri Feb 4 2005
HB

1103 Clark Ave.
Billings, MT. 59102
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To whom it may concern,

I am a certified local ombudsman serving the Evergreen Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Billings. Four years ago the residents for whom I am an advocate asked me to contact legislators and other leaders to plead their case for an increase in the amount the Medicaid recipients are allowed to keep for personal uses each month. Presently, that amount is $30 and $40.

To say the least we were not able to persuade the powers that be to increase that amount. It seems that their requests have fallen on deaf ears. Nothing has come of their request so they asked me to make another try.

Another fact is that veterans are allowed $90 per month for their personal use. Residents use the personal allocation for things the facility does not furnish, such as, clothing, shoes, slippers, shampoo, cosmetics, candy for grandchildren's visits and, of course, cigarettes for the smokers. Many have shared that they go to places like the Salvation Army and Rescue Mission stores to obtain things since $40 certainly doesn't buy much at the present time.

Therefore, may I urge you to give any assistance you can to alleviate this need. Further, these residents are often made to feel few, if anyone at times, care or hear about their needs.

I am fully aware of the rising costs of everything and that as legislators and leaders you receive numerous requests. Yet, since there has been no increase in at least 10 years, it is my belief that consideration and action should be enacted this year.

I have included the signatures of Evergreen residents who wish to have you please use your influence to obtain at least an additional $10 or more per month for personal use for Medicaid recipients.

Thank you for any consideration you can give to the above matter.

Yours truly,

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P.S. I did a little research and was able to the following information regarding the buying power of the dollar which I would like you to consider.

Here is something from the following website - http://www.westegg.com/inflation/ (they only calculate through 2003)

What cost $30 in 1994 would cost $36.45 in 2003.

Also, if you were to buy exactly the same products in 2003 and 1994, they would cost you $30 and $24.69 respectively.

the NASA (??????) website says it $30 then would be $37.26 in 03. See http://www1.jsc.nasa.gov/bu2/inflateCPI.html

And finally from the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics, $30 in 94 is equal to $38.24 in '04. See http://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm (this is the one I would use - look toward the middle of the page and follow the link to "Inflation Calculator" it's under the section "Get Detailed CPI Statistics" you can plug in whatever years or numbers you want and this one goes through '04

Evergreen residents' Signatures

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2. Michael [illegible]
3. Julie Nelson
Joyce Haykel
Please Git U.S. Moore Many
David Whitney
Harriet M. Baird
Jacob Klotz

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