

EXHIBIT 11
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SB 456

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Honorable Members of the Senate;

I am writing this letter with hopes that you will not vote for any legislation that includes the restrictions of building codes or water flow requirements for subdivisions, and more specifically SB 456.

With the lack of enforced building codes in most rural areas of Montana, the further reduction of building standards and water flow requirements will only cost the state in the form of property losses and possible injuries to fire personnel, both paid and volunteer.

Requiring Developers and Builders to meet minimum water flow requirements and building construction techniques only makes sense when you look at the cost to the state of fighting fires.

Please understand I am submitting this request as a Volunteer Fire Chief, Contractor and Land Developer.

Sincerely,



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