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SB 508

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I am writing to you today to ask that you vote against SB508, the school impact fee bill. SB508 will raise the price of new housing by tens of thousands of dollars and will lead to lawsuits in many areas of our state. I oppose SB508 on its intent, language, and effect.

Specifically, SB508 would allow local governments to charge new home construction 2, 3, or even 4 times for school construction costs:

1. property taxes,
2. subdivision exactions,
3. "voluntary" payments, and
4. IMPACT FEES.

In addition to raising the cost of housing, SB508 will lead to lawsuits because new homes already pay for schools through property taxes and impact fees for schools are very hard to do correctly. Current Montana law provides safeguards to ensure that if local governments do impose impact fees for school facilities they do it legally and fairly. SB508 eliminates those safeguards from the law.

Please vote against SB508 because it is bad public policy. If it passes, the State of Montana and many future new home owners will feel the brunt of this bill for years to come.

Thank You Very Much!  
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