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DO YOU: **SUPPORT** X **OPPOSE** _____ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

Today a call to 9-1-1 will get you instructions on how to perform CPR and other livesaving techniques over the phone. The tools that 9-1-1 dispatchers need cost money. We at Sanders County, along with other small Counties have lost approximately 10K from our 70K yearly budget this session. In June of this year our 911 network costs will increase from $92.00 a month to over $700.00 a month. We will be improving our service to Enhanced giving us the technological tools to help find you in an emergency. Is adding $6.00 a year per phone worth it. I believe so. Is saving one life worth passing this bill? Passing this bill will keep the 9-1-1 system in Montana above water. Thank You for your consideration.

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