



# MISSOULA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

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BUSINESS & LABOR

EXHIBIT NO. 3

DATE 3-24-11

BILL NO. HB 508

3-22-2011

Senate Business, Labor and Economic Affairs Committee  
Montana Senate  
P.O. Box 200500  
Helena, Montana 59620-0500

Dear Honorable members of the Senate Business, Labor and Economic Affairs Committee:

The Board of Trustees of The Missoula Rural Fire District would like to offer this letter in support of the passage of HB 508. We feel that the firefighters are the most valuable asset of any fire district. Firefighting is an inherently dangerous profession and we want our firefighters to be adequately protected, should they be injured in the line of duty.

Firefighters who work for Municipal Fire Departments in Montana are already afforded this protection. The Missoula Rural Fire District Board of Trustees feels that this same protection should be provided to firefighters employed by fire districts. This protection would not impose an additional financial burden on The Missoula Rural Fire District.

On January 11, 2011, in the course of our regular monthly meeting, The Missoula Rural Fire District Board of Trustees unanimously decided to support this important legislation. Once HB 508 is passed, we will rest easier knowing our firefighters and their families will be supported in the event a firefighter is injured while on duty.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Hanson, Chair  
Missoula Rural Fire Board of Trustees