



March 22, 2011

Honorable Members of the Business,  
Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee  
Montana State Capitol Building  
Helena, MT 59601

Re: HB 508, PLEASE SUPPORT HB 508

Dear Committee Members:

The Missoula Rural Fire District would appreciate and highly endorses the passage of HB508. As you know, in the fire service, our personnel and the ability for our firefighters to be adequately protected if injured on the job is of the utmost importance. It is the very least we can do to help protect them while providing such an essential service to our communities.

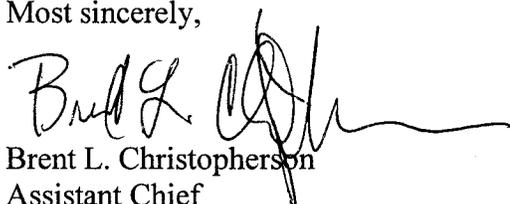
We believe it is vital that this piece of legislation be passed so that fire fighters in fire districts are allowed to have the same protection afforded as in the Montana municipal fire departments if injured on the job.

The Missoula Rural Fire District strongly supports this legislation and would appreciate its passage so that if one of our firefighters is injured, that they will be taken care of along with their family and children while the appropriate recovery time is being completed.

The Missoula Rural Fire District, or the State of Montana, would not incur any additional financial impact if this legislation moves forward and is passed.

The Missoula Rural Fire District fire administration along with our Board of Trustees support this legislation and if you have any questions or need anything from us, please don't hesitate to call on us.

Most sincerely,

  
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