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MEDA represents over 230 members, who are actively involved in local economic activity, community development, job retention and job creation for Montana.

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TO: Chairman Jon Sonju and members of the Senate Business, Labor and Economic Affairs Committee

RE: SJ11 Establish an Economic Development Canada trade center

Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA) stands in support of SJ11 which would establish an economic development trade center in Canada.

As Montana shares 525 miles of its northern border with Canada and the Canadian economy has an impact on Montana's economy, an economic development trade center with Canada would benefit Montana.

Montana already realizes some cultural, educational and economic benefits with Canada; establishing a trade center could enhance these relationships further and increase economic benefit to Montana.

Thank you for your support of SJ11 as it is in the best interest of Montana.

For MEDA,

Tracy McIntyre, President

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