

# CITY OF CHOTEAU

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January 12, 2023

To: The Honorable Mike Hopkins  
State Representative HD 92  
Montana State Capital Station  
Helena, MT

Fr: Chris Hindoien, Mayor  
City of Choteau  
PO Box 619  
Choteau, MT 59422

Re: House Bill 11

Greetings from the East Slopes of the Rockies,

On behalf of myself and the citizens of the City of Choteau, I write to you asking for your support for House Bill 11, and the appropriation of funds from the Montana coal endowment program. The City of Choteau has a project submitted, and through the ranking processes, are sitting number 12 on the list, with a grant amount of \$625,000. These funds, combined with our local dollars and other loans, are important to the continued updating and expansion of our municipal water system here in Choteau.

The City of Choteau is not unique in that our underground utilities are old and in need of updating, replacement, and expansion. Our predecessor's found it difficult to spend money on things that were not visible to the taxpayer's eye. That time has long come and past. The City of Choteau, let alone the State of Montana, cannot continue to expect flourish, and grow without quality infrastructure to support our communities. We are grateful to those who had the foresight to put this endowment in place, and the wisdom of those today who are entrusted with the distribution of these funds.

Therefore, as the Mayor, City of Choteau, I am asking for your support in passing HB 11 out of committee and on to the main body, ultimately to the other chamber and ultimately seeing it signed as it crosses the desk of Governor Gianforte.

Thank you, Representative Hopkins, and please feel free to visit us here in Choteau sometime in the future to see the end result of these dollars and how appreciated they truly are.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CHRIS", is written over a horizontal line.

Chris Hindoien, Mayor  
City of Choteau