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Honorable Trevor Chadwick, Mayor  
PO Box 130  
10769 W State St  
Star, ID 83669

RE: Mitigation Fees

Dear Mayor Chadwick,

On behalf of the 500 member companies of the Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho (BCASWI) we thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide input regarding your proposed voluntary mitigation fees.

The BCASWI wants to extend our appreciation for the outreach and constant communication provided by the city throughout this process. While we do not support the increase of the fees, we appreciate the opportunity to be proactively involved in the process and your willingness to consider our position and your subsequent reconsideration of the fee amount increase.

One of the top goals of the BCASWI is to be able to provide attainable and affordable housing. Additional fees added to the cost of building make it increasingly difficult to boost the supply of attainable housing. For every \$1000 added to the cost of a home, approximately 900 potential buyers are priced out of the market.

We acknowledge that public safety is, and should be, a priority for the City of Star. To that end, we are prepared to engage in attempts to modify HB 389 so that small, fast-growing, cities such as Star can provide essential services.

Thank you again, and we look forward to working with you on this and other matters into the future. If you have further questions or clarifications, you can contact the co-chairmen of BCASWI's Builder/Developer Committee Adam Capell at 208-284-7765 or Mark Tate at 208-631-2025. You can also reach out to the BCASWI's government affairs representative, Ken Burgess at 208-861-2052 or e-mail: [ken@veritasadvisor.com](mailto:ken@veritasadvisor.com).

Sincerely,

Jenna Englund, President  
Building Contractors Association of Southwest Idaho