

AUDITOR GENERAL

Debbie Davenport

State of Arizona

Dear Ms. Davenport,

I just read a letter from your office written Nov. 17, 2017. It was addressed to Rogina Medina the Vice Mayor of the Town of Mammoth. I have attached this letter and a letter that I have written in opposition to SB 1379. I did not receive this letter and was just given a copy by Medina Friday March 10, 2017. Other council members did not receive a copy of this letter although they were CC'ed.

I was the Mayor at that date and am currently the Town Manager. I do not make a practice of ignoring correspondence and or emails. I understand that at the meeting we missed to show cause there was some outright laughter on the issue of Mammoth paying only \$500.00 a month in repayment.

I will try to set the record straight at this late date. When I took over as Mayor/Manager for the town of Mammoth the town was weeks away from going broke. The Senators laughing at the \$500.00 a month did not know that I had a hard time finding the money and sticking to my word to pay it monthly. The town was broke.

Your letter dated November 7, 2016 stated the Town of Mammoth needed to show where they had used these funds no later than Nov. 30, 2016. As our audits show there is no money missing. The money was used to pay our bills!

The Town had no professional leadership in the past and OJT was used in all management positions therefore many incorrect decisions were made.

Mammoth now has some money in reserve and can offer to increase the monthly payment. This is stated in the letter attached to this email.

The bottom line is the small towns in Arizona need more shared revenue. Also, as I see it the State needs more revenue. Since the year 2001 roughly \$2 billion in dedicated transportation funding has been transferred to pay for other government spending in the state of Arizona. Not unlike the small town of Mammoth trying to keep their head above water and pay bills with whatever funds they have available.

Don Jones

Town Manager, Town of Mammoth