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ATTACHMENT

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President George Dennison University of Montana 32 Campus Drive UH 109 Missoula, Mt. 59812 Fax: 243-2797 May 1, 2002

Re: Daly Mansion (Ravalli County)

Dear: President Dennison

Attached is the letter of support for the above agenda item which will come before the Board of Regents in May and the State Board of Land Commissioners on the regular scheduled meeting of September 16, 2002.

Please call if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely Representative Rick Laible HD-59 file: Daly



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State Board of Land Commissioners P.O. Box 201601 Helena, Mt. 59620-1601 April 18, 2002

Re: Daly Mansion (Ravalli County)

Dear Commissioners:

On September 16th the State Board of Land Commissioners will discuss, and hopefully approve, the transfer of responsibility for the Daly Mansion, in Ravalli County, from the Montana Historical Society to the University of Montana at Missoula.

The Daly Mansion Preservation Trust has done a wonderful job in the managing the Mansion under an agreement with the Historical Society. However, resources are limited for the preservation of the Mansion by the Historical Society. Transferring the responsibility of the Daly Mansion to the University of Montana at Missoula will allow the Trust, under an agreement, to continue management of the Daly Mansion, but with the advantage of the additional charitable fund raising capabilities of the University in order to restore and preserve the Mansion for the State of Montana.

Maintaining management of the Daly Mansion within Ravalli County under the auspices of the University of Montana in Missoula is good for the Mansion and for the community. The Mansion will provide the University with a Ravalli County Cultural and Conference Center for off campus meetings, special events, classes and symposiums and also be available for community events.

We the undersigned, as Senators and Legislators of the State of Montana, do hereby support the transfer of the Daly Mansion from the Montana Historical Society to the University of Montana at Missoula.

Most Respectively,

Senator Fred Thomas Representative Rick Laible Senator Dorothy Berry Representative Allan Walters

file: Daly Mansion