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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COMMETTEE
HOLTER MUSEUM of ART GRANT # 1159
February 10, 2005

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee.

For the record I am Don Fredrikson of Helena, retired from the Old Union Bank, now Wells Fargo Bank. I am an active member of the Helena Chamber of Commerce. I, as a member of the Holter Docent Group, speak for the Holter Museum of Art, Grant # 1159 for funding operational costs. The Holter, at 12 West Lawrence, is an asset to downtown Helena and Montana's Capitol City's businesses. It is a tourist attraction and is acclaimed nationally as an Art Center.

I make a statement: Education without art ***is dull*** - Remember your school years - How you enjoyed *field trips* to visit interesting places!

The docent program at the HOLTER is in *partnership* with local schools for such events. In 2005 the Holter is the official Field Trip Headquarters for all Helena's schools 3rd graders and those of Avon to Seeley Lake, Montana City, Clancy and Twin Bridges and Manhattan to Bozeman. Holter docents are trained to give their best in describing art on display and introducing visitors to artists in residence.

On Saturday, March 12, 2005, the Holter Museum of Art is hosting it's annual *KIDWORKS* day from 10a - 3p. A day of youngsters exploring and creating art. You are invited to make it your *Field Day*. Wear you badge for free admittance *and/ or* you are welcome to make a donation.

Thank you for considering our request. Please come and meet our Co directors, Marcia Eidel and Liz Gans. The Education coordinators, Katie Knight and Sondra Hines and the wonderful docents who donate their time and share their love of the arts.