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Testimony on HB17
House State Administration Committee
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

The Montana Historical Society supports HB17 which gives the Society more latitude in spending private donations on priority needs. The requirement that all undesignated donations over $500 go to an acquisitions account is no longer necessary since a new acquisitions account funded by private funds was established in 1999. Also, recent budget cuts have made the flexibility of private donations essential. We urge your support of this legislation.