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Chairmen, Members of the ~~Committee~~ Commission My name is Stephenie Ambrose Tubbs I live in Helena Montana and serve on the Foundation Board of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Great Falls. In many ways I grew up on the trail. My father wrote the best seller Undaunted Courage

I am asking for your support of HB 301. Now is not the time to place any license plate revenue back into the General Fund.

Montana is called the Treasure State and three of our most priceless treasures are represented here today. These three areas are unique. In terms of special places along the Lewis and Clark trail they rank front and center.

One of the great opportunities of the Bicentennial is to show visitors to MT a good time so that they will tell others about it and want to return. In my travels up and down the trail I can tell you that competition for among trail states those trail travelers is stiff and will continue to be after the Bicentennial. Speaking for the Montana part of the Lewis and Clark family of trail advocates, We want them to have a quality experience on our part of the trail and commemoration. As

my Father said many times, of all the trail states Montana has the best sites, the most important stories relating to the Expedition. These three entities need our help and support in teaching those stories to the citizens of America. I respect the work done at the Montana Historical Society. In a perfect world we would not be haggling over who gets these monies. But at this point and time in the history of our state, the priority should be to try to sustain the interest in the Lewis and Clark trail by supporting specifically those entities at the front and center. Their success will benefit all of MT. Ask yourselves how many visitors you have entertained in one of these places and how many of them said they wished they had more time or they can't wait to come back? As Montanans we want to show our visitors that we appreciate and take care of our most valued treasures; these sites. Please support HB 301 and allow Traveler's Rest, Pompey's Pillar and the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center to share the revenue generated by the sale of the specialty License Plates. Thank You.