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Dear Mr. Petesch:

The members of the joint Long-Range Planning Subcommittee (LRP) have several questions related to an appropriation approved by the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature in HB 540. In HB 540, the legislature authorized the issuance of bonds to fund state capital projects. The legislature also provided appropriations for the use of the bond proceeds. One of the appropriations included in Section 2, Appropriation of Bond Proceeds (all to the Department of Administration), was titled "Montana Historical Society Building". The LRP has the following questions related to this appropriation:

- 1) Can this appropriation be used to build a new Historical Society Building at a site other than the Capitol Hill Mall?
- 2) Can this appropriation be used to purchase the Capitol Hill Mall and land without planning to build the Historical Society Building on the land?
- 3) Can this appropriation be used to remodel the current Montana Historical Society Building?

The LRP would appreciate formal responses to the questions above as soon as possible, or by Friday, January 30, 2009.

Thanks you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

LRBP Chairman, Dave Kasten

Members of the Joint Long-Range Planning Subcommittee

Rep. Kasten	Sen. Barkus
Rep. Getz	Sen. Brueggeman
Rep. McNutt	Sen. Cooney
Rep. Sesso	Sen. Williams

Although this letter is on LFD letterhead, it is a request of the joint LRP subcommittee.