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58th Montana Legislature

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Board of Regents
Commissioner Sheila Stearns
PO Box 203101
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Dear Regents and Commissioner Stearns:

The Economic Affairs Interim Committee unanimously supports development of a long-term economic development plan for Montana. During discussions at the Committee's October 24 meeting, Committee members heard from Regents John Mercer and Mark Semmens and Commissioner Stearns that a steering committee is being assembled that includes state elected officials, legislative leaders, and members of the Board of Regents who will begin development of an economic map for the state.

The Economic Affairs Committee would like to be involved in development of this plan and will work with members of the steering committee to provide assistance. The Committee also is interested in working over the legislative interim on legislation, if any is needed for implementation of a proposed plan.

The Committee's next meeting is January 23, 2004. Please let staff know if an update on progress of a plan is possible at this meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Joe McKenney/pm".

Rep. Joe McKenney
Chair

cc: Governor Judy Martz
Legislative Council
Dave Gibson