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Greetings from the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. I reach out to you at this time on behalf of the Board of Regents, the governing board of the Montana University System and the University of Montana.

As you may know, we have started a search effort to recruit the next president of the University of Montana. It is time to assemble the presidential search advisory committee. Your strong association with higher education, combined with your professional and personal experiences, make you an excellent candidate to serve on the presidential search advisory committee.

I hope that you will consider serving on this committee. The success of this search will have an important impact on the future of the University of Montana, the economy, and the state of Montana. I will be chairing the committee and would deeply value your expertise and service.

Few decisions are more important to the university than the needed advice and recommendations that must go into:

- Working to develop the qualifications statement to focus the search and to recruit the most appropriate presidential candidates;
- Reviewing and screening the candidate applications, and;
- Ensuring that qualified semifinalist and finalist candidates emerge to introduce to the university community.

I anticipate the committee's work will begin soon, and would ask that you hold Wednesday – February 16th from 3:00pm – 5:00pm for the initial committee meeting. The search committee's efforts will begin soon and will continue until the search is complete.

I would be honored if you would join us. I ask that you written response to Mrs. Amy Unsworth at aunsworth@montana.edu as soon as possible, to let us know your thoughts as to your availability to serve. If you would provide your

cell number and preferred email address in your response, I would appreciate the opportunity to give you a call so we can visit soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton T. Christian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clayton" being more prominent than the last name "Christian".

Clayton T. Christian
Commissioner of Higher Education