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Dear Members of the University of Montana Community,

The University of Montana Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization that manages private fundraising efforts, donations, and investments for the benefit of the University of Montana. As the governing body of the Foundation, the Board of Trustees is committed to responsible investment stewardship, which aims to reduce risk and enhance returns by emphasizing diversification across investments and asset classes, while seeking to generate the highest level of return for endowed gifts to maximize critical support for the University for generations to come. To achieve this, and to carry out its fiduciary duties, the Board believes in maintaining access to a broad set of investment opportunities. The Foundation Board adheres to a comprehensive approach which focuses on integrating responsible investment strategies into the investment decision-making process. The Board does not make investment decisions based on social or political matters. The Board will continue to work with Foundation investment managers to invest assets responsibly while sustaining and growing the funds entrusted to it for the benefit of the University.

Signed, University of Montana Foundation Board of Trustees

> The University of Montana Foundation inspires philanthropic support to enhance excellence and opportunity at the University of Montana.