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TO: Clayton T. Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Members of the Montana Board of Regents

FROM: Royce C. Engstrom, President 

RE: Nomination of Anya Jabour for Regents Professorship

I am writing to seek your approval of the appointment of Anya Jabour as the next Regents Professor at the University of Montana. Dr. Jabour fully exemplifies the ideals of a Regents Professor – she is a distinguished scholar, a respected and beloved teacher, and a dedicated member of the UM, Missoula, and Montana communities.

Dr. Jabour is a prolific and well-respected historian, both nationally and internationally. She specializes in the field of gender and family in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century American South. She has published 3 major books, edited 2 anthologies, and written more than 20 articles, as well as numerous book reviews. She is also a key historical advisor to the PBS show *Mercy Street*, which is set in a Union hospital in Virginia during the Civil War. Upon nomination by her colleagues in the History Department, she was awarded the *University of Montana Distinguished Scholar Award* in 2013 and the *George M. Dennison Presidential Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment* in 2014.

In addition to being recognized for her scholarship, she has also received awards for her dedication to teaching. In 2001, she received the *Helen and Winston Cox Award for Teaching Excellence*, and in 2014 she received the *Paul Lauren Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor Award*. She is known among students to be a dedicated instructor, advisor, and mentor. She has taught a variety of courses in the History Department, the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, the Global Leadership Initiative, and the MOLLI Program.

Dr. Jabour also has an impressive record of service to Montana. She was involved in the Montana Women's Suffrage Celebration, and developed the traveling exhibit "Leading the Way: Montana Woman Suffrage and the Struggle for Equal Citizenship", which was displayed in more than 30 communities around the state. She serves as a lecturer for Humanities Montana and has delivered talks all across Montana, and she is co-editing an anthology of essays about Montana women's history.

Dr. Jabour is an inspirational member of the UM faculty, and possesses all of the desired qualities of a Regents Professor. She has been referred to as "brilliant", "humble", "passionate", "impactful", and "eloquent" by her students and colleagues. Her nomination was submitted by the Dean and Associate Dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences, and approved by the campus selection committee, former Provost Perry Brown, and current Interim Provost Beverly Edmond. I wholeheartedly support her appointment as the next Regents Professor at the University of Montana, and I hope you will too.

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