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Dear Historic Commission,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Mary Dunne Larson. I have lived in Deadwood since July of 1978. I owned and operated a business in Deadwood from 1978 to 2020. During that time I was on the City Commission and President of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors plus served on the marketing committee after gaming began. As Chamber President I served as one of the 7 members of the You Bet Committee that brought gaming to Deadwood.

While serving on the marketing committee I hired John McEuen of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band to do a video highlighting Deadwood which aired on TV and many clips were used in advertising campaigns.

It's still on the web if you have not seen it called " MINERS NIGHT OUT." The sign used in the video was given to me by John and it is dedicated and signed "TO MARY." I proudly displayed it on my back bar at Deadwood Dicks until one day it disappeared. I never knew what happened to it until last summer when Mike Runge told me he bought it for \$45 in an antique store in Spearfish. I would very much like to purchase this back or take it on loan to be returned at a later date. Mike offered me a copy but I would very much prefer my original. To my knowledge It's just sitting in the Archives and not on display anywhere.

Thank you for your consideration. I am willing to appear before the Preservation Commission.

Mary Dunne Larson

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