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The Honorable Steve Daines
United States Senator for Montana
1 Russell Senate Courtyard
Washington D.C. 20510

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Re: Kurt Alme, Esq.

Dear Senator Daines:

I write to you in support of my friend and colleague Kurt Alme who has been nominated by you to be the next United States Attorney for the District of Montana.

I am a lifelong Montanan and graduated from Billings Central Catholic School. After obtaining my bachelor's degree from the University of Montana, I attended the University of Montana School of Law. I graduated from law school in 2004 and began my practice with Moulton Bellingham PC, a law firm in Billings, Montana. After a few years in practice I applied and was hired as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Billings office. I was hired by then U.S. Attorney William Mercer and had the pleasure of working with Kurt as First Assistant of the U.S. Attorney's Office. What stands out the most about my time at the U.S. Attorney's Office with Kurt is the absolute breadth of what he handled within the office from the administrative side, to managing the civil division's needs, to his own criminal case load. Kurt was often the first one in the office and the last one to leave. He worked most weekends. But what I learned about Kurt is that he didn't put in the extra hours for his own benefit, he worked long hours because, from his core, he had a commitment to those of us in the office and to a higher goal of improving his community.

That same sense of community was evident when Kurt left the U.S. Attorney's Office and became the President of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation. The Yellowstone Foundation is an amazing, community focused organization, that supports charitable, religious and education organizations that primarily benefit youth and adults with special needs in our community. The position was a perfect fit for Kurt as he could continue his efforts to help improve the community and to aid those less fortunate. Kurt's passion for his work with the Yellowstone Foundation was evident. Lunch with Kurt was always riddled with statistics on the meth explosion in Montana and how it was affecting our children long term or what could be done to provide better mental health to children and adults on public assistance. Kurt has always had a strong commitment to finding ways to help and to protect those most vulnerable in our society. I can think of no one more qualified in the Montana Bar to continue the work of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Montana.

Kurt is a talented attorney and demonstrated leader in our community. Kurt would be an asset to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Montana. I ask you to continue to support him through the confirmation process. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about my experiences with Kurt. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Jessica T. Fehr', written over a horizontal line.

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