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The Honorable Steve Daines U.S. Senator 30 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 206 Helena, MT 59601

Dear Senator Daines:

It is an honor for me to write this letter of reference for Kurt Alme to serve as Montana's next US Attorney and I urge you to forward his name to President Trump for this critically important position. My background is in health and human services and government relations, with a focus on children's mental health and child welfare. I have served as the Executive Director of Youth Dynamics and Executive Director of the Montana Children's Initiative. I have provided government relations and grant writing services for Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch (YBGR) and other children's mental health organizations for many years and recently I served as a member of the Governor's Protect Montana Kids Commission.

I have also served as the government relations representative for Billings Clinic and the City of Billings, as well as a member of the Billings City Council, and President of the Montana League of Cities and Towns. It is in my current capacity with YBGR that I have become most familiar with Mr. Alme. I first met Mr. Alme in 2001 when he served as the Director of the Department of Revenue under Governor Judy Martz. I now work closely with him in his current role as President and General Counsel for the YBGR Foundation.

In preparation of this letter, I reviewed the mission of the US Attorney's Office for the District of Montana: "To protect and serve the citizens of the District of Montana through the ethical, vigorous, and impartial enforcement of the laws of the United States. In so doing we defend the national security, improve the safety and quality of life in our communities, and protect the public funds and financial interests of the United States..........." Kurt Alme exemplifies the entirety of this mission, in his current and past work. He lives a positive life of commitment and integrity, always with the mission of improving the lives of others. His character is beyond reproach.

Mr. Alme's education and experience, speak to his legal and financial expertise and his excellent leadership and executive qualities. He has the right set of skills, having served as Assistant US Attorney for Montana, to manage and prosecute a wide range of criminal activities and civil litigation. The alarming challenges of illegal drugs entering the state, including methamphetamines and opioids are having an extremely negative impact on many of our children and families and the rapidly increasing number of youth entering Montana's foster care system. Mr. Alme's long history of advocacy for at risk children and families, brings passion to the fight against this deadly activity, along with violent crime, child pornography, and other criminal enterprises.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Kurt Alme is one of the most outstanding individuals I have ever known and he will be exceptional as Montana's next United States Attorney. If I can be of any further assistance please contact me at 406-670-3084 or at <a href="mailto:janimccall65@gmail.com">janimccall65@gmail.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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