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Senator Steve Daines
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 205010

Dear Senator Daines,

The Bull Mountains Mine is a critical economic driver in Musselshell and Yellowstone Counties, and I applaud your efforts to protect the livelihoods of the hundreds of employees against the regulatory attacks of the federal government. I want to express my support for each of your bills addressing the imminent federal threat to the Bull Mountains Mine.

The *Crow Revenue Act* is a win-win for Montana. The bill would empower and support the Crow Tribe and, at the same time, protect the workers and families that rely on the Bull Mountains Mine. Senate Bills 4431 and 4432 are laudable proposals aimed at neutralizing the delay tactics of the Department of the Interior. For too long, the permits for the Bull Mountains Mine have been held in regulatory limbo, with no action for months and in violation of a court ordered timeline. The Office of Surface Mining should not be allowed to indefinitely delay permitting processes without reason.

The Bull Mountains Mine not only provides jobs and economic life to the communities of Roundup, Billings, and the surrounding area, it provides our allies in Asia with reliable energy supplies. Japan, Korea, and Taiwan all receive coal from Montana. It is important for the global energy security of our allies that the United States continue to provide reliable fuel to these countries.

I urge your colleagues in the U.S. Senate to join you in supporting these bills of vital importance not only to Montana, but to the country and our allies abroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

Greg Gianforte
Governor

cc: Senator Jon Tester

Senator Steve Daines
Representative Ryan Zinke
Representative Matt Rosendale
EPA Administrator Michael Reagan