



September 23, 2024

Honorable Steve Daines
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Crow Revenue Act Support

Dear Senator Daines:

As Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Montana and the senior commissioner of the Montana Land Board, I wish to convey my full support for the Crow Revenue Act. The exchange of subsurface mineral properties outlined in the Act will provide revenues to the Crow Tribe and assure substantial job creation with the Bull Mountain Mine.

Revenues to the State Trust Lands will flow to Montana's students as continued mine development delivers extraction royalties associated with its subsurface interests within the operation. During Fiscal Year 2023, coal royalties from state trust lands generated over \$46 million, which flow into Montana public schools.

The enhancement of the local and regional communities will continue to be realized with long-term job creation and its accompanying contributions.

The Crow Revenue Act is a win-win for all involved and I proudly support its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elsie Arntzen".

Elsie Arntzen
Montana State Superintendent

