

February 25, 2025

The Honorable Steve Daines

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tim Sheehy

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Re: Recommendation of Kurt Alme for Montana U.S. Attorney

Dear Senator Daines and Senator Sheehy:

I am writing to express my support for your recommendation of Kurt Alme for the position of U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana. I am a former U.S. Army veteran and retired Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) employee (1996-2018), who served as a Special Agent and Supervisory Senior Resident Agent for the FBI in Montana, as well as a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Murdered and Missing Indigenous Person (MMIP) Coordinator (2019-2021).

I have known Kurt since 2004 and have had the privilege of working closely with him in his various capacities as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), First Assistant, and U.S. Attorney. Throughout our professional relationship, Kurt has consistently demonstrated exceptional thoughtfulness, dedication, and hard work as a public servant. He has consistently prioritized enforcing federal law by personally prosecuting or overseeing the prosecution of drug dealers, violent criminals, child abusers, and white-collar criminals.

As an AUSA, Kurt was an exceptional prosecutor who effectively managed a diverse caseload and aggressively prosecuted deserving criminals. As First Assistant, he oversaw the day-to-day operations of one of the most productive United States Attorney Offices (USAO) in the United States. A significant portion of this measured productivity was attributed to the federal

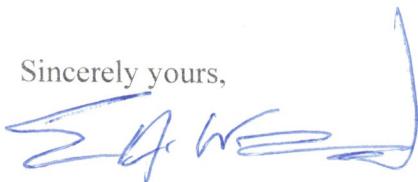
government's responsibility in investigating and prosecuting crimes in Indian Country (IC). Kurt was a staunch advocate for aggressive federal law enforcement actions and the protection of victims on Montana's Indian Reservations.

While Kurt served as First Assistant and U.S. Attorney, federal IC prosecutions rose dramatically, as did support services for victims of assault, sexual abuse, and drug trafficking. Kurt was a staunch advocate of the expansion of victim support service programs within the USAO and the FBI in Montana. Both agencies subsequently increased resources to support victims of federal crime. He was also an ardent supporter and facilitator of the development of Child Advocacy Centers on the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations. These centers became a reality during his tenure and changed the way child victims were treated and how cases were investigated in Montana.

Kurt further demonstrated his unwavering support for tribal communities during his tenure as U.S. Attorney by significantly reducing the distribution of methamphetamine on Montana's Indian Reservations and positively impacting the national Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) crisis. Specifically, Kurt chaired the Department of Justice's (DOJ) MMIP working group, collaborating closely with the White House MMIP Task force (Operation Lady Justice) to enhance resources, develop Tribal Community Response Plan Guides, and implement a unified national response strategy. His efforts resulted in the recruitment of a dozen MMIP coordinators and the creation of MMIP Tribal Community Response Plans that were fully implemented by tribes in numerous states and made accessible to all tribes in the United States, providing them with a comprehensive roadmap for rapid response and access to all available local, state, federal, and tribal resources when a tribal member goes missing.

Kurt has demonstrated great skill in collaborating with local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement officials, and he is widely respected by law enforcement officers throughout Montana and beyond. Given his ambition, intellect, and extensive experience, Kurt could have pursued a path focused solely on accumulating personal wealth; however, he has chosen a life dedicated to serving others. This unwavering commitment is the reason why he will once again be an outstanding United States Attorney for the District of Montana.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. H. Weyand", with a large, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Ernst H. Weyand