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**Via Electronic Mail Only – [Jason.Thielman@daines.senate.gov](mailto:Jason.Thielman@daines.senate.gov)**

The Honorable Steve Daines  
United States Senate

**Attn: Jason Thielman**  
1 Russell Senate Courtyard  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Support for Kurt Alme, nominee for U.S. Attorney for the State of Montana

Dear Senator Daines:

It is an honor to have the opportunity to let you know that I enthusiastically support your recommendation of Kurt Alme to the President for nomination to be the United States Attorney for the State of Montana. If Kurt is nominated, I certainly encourage you to also support his confirmation.

I have had the privilege of knowing Kurt for 20 years. In my opinion, his personal and professional integrity are beyond reproach. Kurt's professional resume is as impressive as they come. While Kurt's many academic accolades, Harvard Law degree, and prestigious Federal clerkship assured him a path to the riches of the Wall Street and Beltway firms, he instead returned to Montana to begin a legal career marked by service to Montanans. I suppose you can take the boy out of Montana, but you can't take the Montana out of the boy.

Upon his return to Montana, Kurt worked at the Crowley Law Firm in Billings and primarily represented Montana farmers, ranchers, and small business owners with their estate planning. Thereafter, at every subsequent turn in his legal career, Kurt continued to choose to serve the people of Montana – Montana taxpayers as Director of the Department of Revenue, victims of criminal and civil rights violations as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and more recently hundreds of vulnerable, at-risk youth as General Counsel for the Yellowstone Boy and Girls Ranch Foundation. I personally know of no other attorney who has been as committed to serving the people of Montana.

With that varied experience, I believe Kurt is in a unique position to understand and appreciate the unique problems Montana is currently facing with rising methamphetamine use and violent crime, increasing crime on our State's reservations, preserving the integrity of voting access, and addressing the delicate balance between our state's natural resource extraction industries and preserving the quality of our rivers, streams, and treasured public lands.

I firmly believe that Kurt is above political partisanship and that the critical decisions he would make as Montana's chief federal prosecutor will be guided by what he believes is right for the people of Montana. I sincerely hope you will continue to encourage the President to formally nominate Kurt to be the United States Attorney for the State of Montana.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

With kind regards,

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