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The Honorable Steve Daines
Senator, U.S. Senate
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Daines,

I write to support your efforts to introduce legislation that would make the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit (ICPTC) permanent. The Crow Nation appreciates your dedication to this important issue.

Over the past few years, the Crow Administration has focused on building a dynamic economy and responsibly developing our energy resources. To that end, the most critical support that the federal government can provide to us is to make the ICPTC permanent. As you know, the ICPTC levels the playing field for Indian coal, helps to create high paying jobs and incentivizes our industry partners to make the kinds of large-scale investments that are needed in Crow. Making this tax incentive permanent – and indeed, increasing the value of the credit – will help to bolster and stabilize our major non-federal source of income. Your support of this important cornerstone of our economy will lead to healthier Crow communities and greater Tribal sovereignty.

We also support the concept of broadening the language of the ICPTC legislation, to ensure that other Tribes and Tribal Members can take advantage of the tax credit. Though the past “War on Coal” was detrimental to many Tribes, organizations and companies, we believe that your effort to promote the ICPTC will re-energize this important sector of the American economy, bringing with it economic prosperity and national security.

The ICPTC not only provides economic benefits to indigenous communities, but also to surrounding off-reservation communities. To date, Crow ICPTC savings have provided an important stimulus to regional economies throughout both Southeastern Montana and Northern Wyoming.

We appreciate your continued support of this tax credit and we look forward to working with you toward these goals. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance during the upcoming debate, and I look forward to seeing you this Summer during Crow Fair.

Sincerely,

Alvin “A.J.” Not Afraid, Jr.
Chairman, Crow Tribe of Indians