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

**RE: Letter of Recommendation for Kurt Alme**

Dear Senator Daines:

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the work now underway with you and President Trump to consider qualified candidates for United States Attorney, District of Montana. I believe this process is a welcome and overdue opportunity to appoint an individual in Montana that possesses exceptional legal skills, a strong work ethic, and a core set of values that will elevate the image and integrity of this office. Accordingly, in unqualified fashion, I urge you to seriously consider the appointment of Mr. Kurt Alme of Billings, Montana.

I have known Kurt Alme for over fifteen years and, during this time, have had the opportunity to interact and work with Kurt in a number of capacities. Ranging from family issues and events to our common interests in business, political and community-based organizations, I have witnessed Kurt Alme in action on a variety of platforms. I have always been impressed by the professionalism, the intelligence, the determination and the genuine good-natured personality of Kurt Alme.

To offer a more specific example, please note that I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch Foundation; Kurt is currently the President & CEO of this non-profit organization. Senator, this is an organization that faced many challenges and uphill battles when Kurt took the reins. His tireless efforts have produced incredible results in a very short period of time, so I can personally attest to the impact Kurt can have within a complex organization. Furthermore, his legal acumen and instincts have been invaluable; his disciplined approach has guided us through regulatory and compliance issues, creating a solid legal framework that is exceptional.

Kurt and I have also served together on the Board of Directors of St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings. From this vantage point, it's obvious Kurt is a quick study and he has an ability to juggle a variety of issues and priorities at any one time. He displays both character and confidence in his leadership, with a demonstrated concern for the community and the clientele we serve. Kurt enjoys the respect of his fellow Board members and, not surprisingly, he has earned a fine reputation in this community – and in this state.

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Senator, I would also like to underscore Kurt's previous experience as an Assistant United States Attorney. Without question, this type of experience will enable Kurt to "hit the ground running" with a clear knowledge and understanding of the resources and abilities of this office – and how to gain maximum results. From Day 1, it would be good to know that someone of Kurt's stature and ability will be working to identify and isolate the serious threats to law enforcement that we face in Montana.

In closing, let me reiterate that Kurt Alme is a man of high integrity and ability. He is a proven individual with a track record of success. He is a determined, yet compassionate public servant. I have no doubt that Kurt Alme is extremely well suited for this position and this challenge. With my best regards, I believe both you and President Trump will be very proud of the results that lie ahead.

Sincerely,

Mountain Plains Equity Group, Inc.



Donald J. Sterhan  
*President & CEO*

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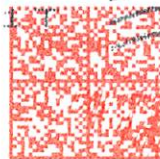
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