

June 26, 2017

Senator Steve Daines
1 Russell Senate Courtyard
Washington D.C. 20510

Re: Kurt Alme

Dear Senator Daines:

I understand you have recommended that President Trump nominate Kurt Alme to serve as the next U.S. Attorney for Montana. I have known Mr. Alme for many years and consider him an outstanding choice for the U.S. Attorney position. Permit me to elaborate.

The breadth of Mr. Alme's legal experience is remarkable, including private practice with one of the finest law firms in this state, leadership of the Montana Department of Revenue, service as Assistant U.S. Attorney for Montana; and work as General Counsel of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation. Mr. Alme also has an exemplary record of both professional and civic volunteer service. He serves, for example, on the Advisory Board for the Annual U.M. Tax Institute, our law school's largest CLE program, and consistently offers excellent suggestions for Institute speakers and topics. As a consequence of the quality of his work in the various positions he has held over the years, Mr. Alme has earned a reputation as a professional marked by integrity, fairness, sound judgment, a strong work ethic, and a commitment to community.

Just as Mr. Alme has distinguished himself in his prior professional work, I predict that, if nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, he will prove himself an outstanding U.S. Attorney for Montana. Mr. Alme knows and loves Montana and cares deeply about the people and institutions of our state. He is gifted intellectually, is an articulate advocate for the rule law, and has the experience, skills, and personal attributes necessary to conduct the office of U.S. Attorney from day one in a highly competent and ethical manner.

Sincerely,

J. Martin Burke
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