

United States Senate

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The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Secretary
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin:

Congratulations on your confirmation to be the next Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. As you take on this critical role, I would like to extend a formal invitation to visit Montana and see firsthand the ingenuity of the state's business community.

I encourage you to implement and champion policies that will raise wages, increase jobs, and grow the economy. For far too long, Montanans have faced economic stagnation where wages have not kept pace with inflation, causing consumers to lose purchasing power with each passing year. In particular, I look forward to working with you on comprehensive tax reform and reducing excessive regulations. These reforms will promote stronger economic growth, which is crucial to creating good-paying jobs, reducing the federal deficit, and ensuring that successive generations live better than the ones before. In addition, since many of my constituents have limited internet connectivity, I ask that you maintain the highest level of taxpayer service possible so that well-intended and honest Montanans can speak with an IRS representative to file their taxes in a timely manner.

Further, as you know the Department of the Treasury has broad jurisdiction over the implementation of sanctions on foreign actors responsible for terrorism, war crimes, drug trafficking, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, and other actions detrimental to the interests of the U.S. and our allies. Economic and trade sanctions are essential tools in advancing U.S. foreign policy, and I urge you to utilize all legal tools to hold Iran accountable for sponsoring terror around the world, enforce sanctions against Russia due to its aggression in Eastern Europe, and penalize North Korea for its role in proliferating and developing weapons of mass destruction.

I look forward to working closely with you to reduce the regulatory burden on small businesses, increase their global competitiveness, exercise good stewardship over taxpayer resources, and develop sustained economic growth, as well as hosting you in Montana in the near future.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES
United States Senator