



June 23, 2017

Senator Steve Daines
30 West 14th St., Ste. 206
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Senator Daines;

As a victim of several crimes prosecuted by Mr. Kurt Alme, I am happy to recommend him for the position of United States Attorney. I have known Mr. Alme for the last eight years, both as a Board member of Family Promise and as Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA).

As a Board member for Family Promise, Mr. Alme could always be counted on to bring new ideas to the table. His dedication to Family Promise, like everything he does, was second to none. Even after the end of his first term on the Board, Mr. Alme continued to show up and support key fund-raising events for the organization.

While serving as AUSA, Mr. Alme was always attentive to the needs of the victims of crimes. He prosecuted three cases of bank fraud perpetrated by car dealers who were customers of our small, family-owned bank. While the cases were inherently complex, involving bank fraud, wire fraud, identify theft, forgery, and many other offences, Mr. Alme methodically sorted through massive amounts of data and reached correct conclusions. He is extremely thorough in his approach to a case.

A key part of Mr. Alme's prosecution, from the victim's viewpoint, is his continued insistence on financial restitution. Although our small bank's losses were heavy, Mr. Alme's insistence on restitution has helped us recover thousands of dollars in losses.

Without hesitation, I recommend Kurt Alme for United States Attorney. Mr. Alme's knowledge, skills and abilities will serve our country well.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Andrew Rio', is written over a horizontal line.

E. Andrew Rio
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