

United States Senate

February 8, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Sessions
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

Congratulations on being confirmed as the Attorney General of the United States. Entrusting you with this critically important position is a fitting recognition of your honorable service to our country and unshakable commitment to the mission of the Department of Justice. I have greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve with you as a fellow member of the United States Senate and look forward to working with you as Attorney General to promote and support the rule of law.

I know you will judiciously and properly enforce the law and lead the Department of Justice with integrity, skill, and honor. Your dedication to the Constitution as it defines the roles of the different branches of the federal government, guards the sovereignty of the states, and protects rights of the American people is greatly needed and will help restore confidence in our legal system. I am certain and grateful that you will faithfully defend the Constitution and fight tirelessly to provide impartial justice for all Americans.

The challenges ahead of you are certainly significant. In addition to restoring the rule of law, I want to draw your attention to several issues important to Montanans. I ask that you work to support and assist on fundamental issues of law and order in Indian country, prosecute human trafficking and other federal crimes, carefully consider how to both meet the needs of law enforcement and safeguard the privacy of Americans, and prioritize Department of Justice's resources in areas where they will be most impactful, including the Bakken region in Eastern Montana. I also highlight the need to address the explosion of meth and decreases in related convictions in the Montana U.S. Attorney's office, which have both contributed to a dramatic increase of children in foster homes across Montana. Further, I urge you to continue to your stalwart commitment to defend and protect our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

I invite you to join me in Montana to meet with members of our law enforcement community, who deserve our utmost respect, to discuss these issues important to Montanans.

Congratulations again on your confirmation, and I look forward to continuing to dialogue with you as you carry out the mission and duties of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely,



STEVE DAINES
United States Senator