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Senator Steve Daines
1 Russell Senate Courtyard
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Dear Senator Daines,

I am writing this letter in support of your recommendation of Kurt Alme to the position of United States Attorney for the District of Montana. I am a career FBI agent (over 21 years) currently serving at the US Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. I formerly served as a Special Agent and Supervisory Senior Resident Agent (SSRA) for the FBI in Montana. I have known Kurt since 2004 and I worked with him closely in his capacity as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) and First Assistant in the Montana United States Attorney's Office (USAO). At all times Kurt was a thoughtful, dedicated, hard-working public servant who aggressively enforced federal law by personally prosecuting, or overseeing the prosecution of drug dealers, violent criminals, child abusers and white collar criminals.

As an AUSA, I found Kurt to be an exceptional prosecutor who deftly managed numerous complex cases simultaneously and aggressively prosecuted the most deserving criminals. As First Assistant, Kurt oversaw the day to day operations of one of the busiest and most productive USAOs in the United States. Much of this measured productivity was a result of the federal government's responsibility in investigating and prosecuting crimes in Indian Country (IC). Kurt was a steadfast and strong proponent of aggressive federal law enforcement action and the protection of victims on Montana's Indian Reservations.

While Kurt served as First Assistant, IC prosecutions from my offices rose dramatically, as did support services for victims of assault, sexual abuse and drug trafficking. Kurt was a staunch advocate of the expansion of victim support service programs within the USAO and the FBI in Montana. Both agencies subsequently increased personnel and resources to support victims of federal crime. Kurt was also an ardent supporter of the development of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) on the Crow and Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservations. These CACs became a reality during his tenure and changed the way child victims were treated and how cases were investigated in Montana. They now service as a national model for federal investigations in IC.

Kurt is a talented, smart, dedicated and hardworking individual. He is widely respected by local and federal law enforcement officers in Montana, and I am proud to call him a friend. With his drive, intelligence and background Kurt could have chosen a path in life focused on building personal wealth. Instead, he chose a life of purpose and service to others. It is for this reason he will be an outstanding United States Attorney for the District of Montana.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. H. Weyand", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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