June 29, 2017

The Honorable Steve Daines

1 Russell Senate Courtyard

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Daines:

I am writing to recommend Kurt Alme for the position of U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana. I served as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney and had the privilege of working with Kurt for 3 years as his colleague and supervisor. His work was superlative in every respect.

Without question, Kurt is the most uniquely qualified person for this position. My career spanned 30 years, and during that time, none of those appointed to the position of U.S. Attorney match Kurt’s qualifications or experience. This is wholly reflected in his resume’, and I will not repeat what is obviously readily apparent.

However, what may not be readily apparent is the significance of those experiences. For example, as the Director of the Montana Department of Revenue, he was acutely aware of the impact of taxation and regulatory policies on the citizenry and their ability to create good paying jobs.

Given his broad experience in every aspect of the Office of the U.S. Attorney, he will be effective from day one. He recognizes the importance of adhering to the policies enunciated by the President and the Attorney General and the Executive Office of the U.S. Attorneys. He is familiar with the demand of civil and criminal caseloads, which are ever more increasing in scope and size. He has complete command of budgetary, administrative and personnel issues.

He understands the gravity of a strong appellate practice and the pressing requirements of anti-terrorism and Indian Country. He realizes that the success of the Office’s mission is predicated upon the cooperation of many. As a result, he will build and maintain relationships, based on mutual trust and respect, with local, state and federal agencies.

Finally, while one can have broad experience and initially be effective in any position, in the end, all comes to naught without honor or integrity. There is no one who supersedes Kurt as a person of the highest moral character. In short, he is molded in the best traditions of Montana.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for Kurt. Should you have any questions, I invite you to contact me. My home phone number is 406-259-4059.

Sincerely,

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