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Jon Adler, Director
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Office of Justice Programs
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Dear Mr. Adler:

I am writing to you in support of the 4th Judicial District Court of Montana's application for an Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program FY 2018 Competitive Grant to enhance their Missoula Veterans Treatment Court (MVTC) Program.

Montana is home to one of the largest veteran populations per capita, nearly twice that of the national average with Missoula County being home to more than 8,000 veterans. Additionally, Montana is ranked among the top 10 states with high rates of drug and alcohol abuse. Just last year alone, roughly 80% of 398 veterans booked at the Missoula County Detention Facility were taken in on non-violent charges related to drug and alcohol abuse. The MVTC currently has the capacity to serve 8 veterans for a program that takes on average 15 months to complete, however they estimate that approximately 35 veterans should be screened for eligibility for the program.

If successful, MVTC expects to serve 54 additional participants over the grant period. Specifically, funding will be used to extend National Association of Drug Court Professionals Best Practices Standards to all eligible and consenting participants. Funds will also be used to improve success of Native American participants, increase the programs reach to serve all eligible veterans, and enable the MVTC to identify performance improvement opportunities based on evaluations.

I trust you will give this application fair and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,



Steve Daines
United States Senator