

here today to strongly urge the Biden administration to prioritize securing his release and the State Department to designate him as “wrongfully detained.”

The unjust imprisonment of Marc Fogel has gone on far too long. Now, we must do everything in our power to ensure this innocent American is reunited with his loved ones, so he can spend his next birthday—and many after—surrounded by family.

Happy Birthday, Marc. We will keep working to get you home.

TRIBUTE TO MORGAN CASHWELL

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I want to take a moment to recognize a dear friend and devoted advocate for Maine, my legislative director, Morgan Cashwell. She proudly served my office and the people of Maine for more than 8 years. Years filled with sleepless nights of vote-a-ramas, preparation for committee hearings, and long negotiations. She has been an extraordinary leader, an effective policymaker, and a wonderful colleague and mentor to so many.

There is never an “easy” time to work in Congress, but certainly, there have been few times more challenging or unpredictable than during the COVID-19 pandemic. Taking over as legislative director amid regularly shifting public health guidance, Morgan was able to maintain a successful and efficient legislative team, all while keeping morale high and putting Maine people first. This leadership—rooted in kindness—has made her beloved by everyone in the office and all those who are lucky enough to know her.

You never want staff who will just tell you what you want to hear; that was never Morgan. In fact, Morgan embodies the Maine spirit of “calling ‘em like you see ‘em” and providing her honest advice in even the toughest situations. I valued her counsel and knew it was always guided by an unshakable moral compass and a true compassion for others.

Not only is Morgan among the best staffers I have had the privilege of working with; you could not find a more effective legislative director in Congress. During her time working for Maine, it is not an exaggeration to say that Morgan’s steady hand has helped shape some of our most important recent bills. Her impact can be found across generational investments in the great outdoors, the country’s most significant piece of climate legislation, and a historic expansion of broadband infrastructure.

To cite just one example of many: When Maine’s vital and iconic lobster industry came under threat last year, Morgan led the successful effort to defend the livelihood of thousands of men and women who responsibly work the water against an otherwise certain economic death sentence. Thanks to her fierce advocacy, the Maine delegation was able to include protection for our

State’s lobstering communities in the 2023 omnibus appropriations legislation, a last-minute addition that might not have happened without her dedication, selfless nature, and tireless determination to do what was right.

While I am truly sad to see her go, I wish Morgan all the best as she enters this next chapter of her career and profoundly thank her and her supportive family: husband Keith and her children Rory and Reese.

Morgan, I will be forever grateful for your service. Maine, my staff, and the entire country are all better for it.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the board, staff, and supporters of Growing Hope Globally as they celebrate their commitment to putting their Christian faith into practice by helping end hunger globally.

Every day, Growing Hope Globally implements grassroots solutions to hunger that link rural communities in the U.S. with smallholder farmers in developing countries. Specifically, farmers in the United States tithe a portion of their crops to combatting global hunger. Their work makes a difference for so many people, both in the United States and around the world.

This small nonprofit with big ambitions began with the compassion of two Ohio farmers and their friends who wanted to put their faith into action and help build a better world. Over the past 25 years, Growing Hope Globally has expanded from just one project in Stryker, OH, started by Vernon and Carol Sloan, to supporting projects in 21 different States that have served more than 2.2 million people. Vernon and Carol’s idea was simple but powerful: fund agricultural development programs that support small farmers and rural communities through grassroots farmer-to-farmer assistance.

I am inspired by the farmers in Ohio and across the Nation who invest their profits in agricultural development projects that support small farmers in countries facing hunger and food insecurity. Just last year, Growing Hope Globally hosted 130 U.S. projects. They oversaw 47 agricultural development programs in 30 countries, and they helped more than 200,000 people find lasting solutions to hunger.

I am sure my Senate colleagues join me in congratulating Growing Hope Globally’s 25-year journey. I look forward to supporting this important organization, and seeing all you will accomplish in the next 25 years.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID STAMEY

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing David Stamey, chief of emergency

services for Stillwater County, MT, for his dedication to keeping his community safe, no matter what disaster may ensue.

David has served Stillwater County as the chief of emergency services for nearly a year and a half, and since assuming his position in April of 2022, he has managed several disasters that few county DES coordinators would see in a lifetime.

Just 2 months after stepping into his role, David was tasked with responding to historic 500-year flooding throughout the region. When the substantial amount of snow and heavy rainfall from earlier that spring met the rapidly rising temperatures in June, the snowmelt and water runoff sparked immediate flooding throughout the Yellowstone Valley. Agricultural land, homes, roads, bridges, and critical infrastructure took a significant hit. The Sibanye-Stillwater Mine in Nye, the world’s only viable platinum and palladium mining operation outside South Africa and Russia, was forced to suspend operations for roughly 6 weeks due to a road that provided entry to the mine being washed out. David continued to work tirelessly with local, State, and Federal partners to ensure the road would be restored in a timely manner and that his community at large remained on a swift path to recovery.

Most recently, a portion of a train headed westbound near Reed Point derailed while crossing a bridge over the Yellowstone River. Thankfully, there were no reported injuries, but there were multiple railcars submerged in the river releasing asphalt downstream. About a week later, all of the railcars involved in the derailment were removed from the scene, and after just 28 days post outage, the bridge was newly constructed, allowing the first train to cross over safely as crews continue to work diligently to remove remaining asphalt from the river. Thanks to David’s effective leadership and coordination within the Unified Command structure, train service was restored while never compromising anyone’s health or safety.

It is my distinct honor to recognize David Stamey for his unwavering commitment to keeping residents of Stillwater County safe. He has selflessly dedicated 30 years of his life to disaster and emergency services, and I am confident his passion and expertise in this field will benefit folks in Stillwater County and across the State of Montana for years to come. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep Montanans safe, David. You make Montana proud.●

TRIBUTE TO BILLINGS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor of congratulating the Billings High School class of 1973. These graduates grew up in the shadow of the Cold War, they all remember the