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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners, we are writing to express our support for the Crow Revenue Act introduced by Senator Daines.

The enacting of the legislation would be of great benefit to both Yellowstone County and Musselshell County, allowing the Crow Tribe to trade tribal land for federal land in the Bull Mountains. This trade allows Signal Peak Energy, LLC to access privately owned land for their coal mining operation and give royalties to the Crow Tribe.

Signal Peak employs over 250 employees and provides work to many contractors in our state. Aside from gross proceed taxes collected and distributed, this legislation provides for the continuance of these good paying jobs in our area while helping our country maintain energy independence.

We thank you for your consideration of this important legislation and look forward to its adoption.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

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