

# Montana State Senate



*The Treasure State*

Members of the 118th Congress,

June 6, 2024

We urge you to support the *Crow Revenue Act* introduced by Senator Steve Daines. The proposed land swap is a needed win-win-win for our corner of the country.

By exchanging 4,660 acres of private subsurface holdings for 4,530 acres of federal subsurface and 940 acres of federal surface interests, Congress can ensure the continuation of good-paying jobs, economic development for the Crow Nation, and crucial tax revenue for schools.

Hundreds of workers in Yellowstone and Musselshell Counties depend on the Bull Mountains Mine for the paychecks that support their families. The *Act* will keep these Montanans employed, preserving local rural communities.

The *Act* would provide a mechanism for the Crow Tribe to bring in new revenue. After hundreds of years of Congress harming and ignoring Indian Country, this proposal is one small, yet important, step in the right direction toward economic opportunity and local empowerment for Native communities in South-Central Montana.

Finally, Montanans are facing unprecedented property taxes. While many factors have led to Montana's broken property tax situation, a major contributing factor has been the decline of natural resource development in the Treasure State shifting greater burden onto residential homeowners. The *Crow Revenue Act* will help maintain or reduce property taxes for homeowners struggling with rapidly increasing costs of living.

In short, Senator Daines's proposal is a rare opportunity for Congress to make a big positive impact without spending additional money that the federal government doesn't have.

As the local lawmakers representing the impacted area, we urge you to support the *Crow Revenue Act*.

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Yellowstone & Musselshell Counties

**Senator Jason Small**  
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Busby, Montana

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