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Welcome to Montana, and to the city of Billings. And thanks for inviting me to share a few words about the importance of water in all of Montana's communities.

As a Montana farmer, I know water is the lifeblood of our state. We are blessed with clean water. And we have a responsibility to pass that precious resource to our kids and our grandkids.

As a state legislator, I proudly worked on several compacts, including one with the Crow Tribe. After you elected me to the United States Senate, I led efforts to ratify and implement that compact at the federal level.

We're already seeing the benefits of water settlements in Montana – like jobs and stronger infrastructure. But our work is not done. In addition to the Crow Water Settlement, which we passed last year, I continue fighting to get the resources necessary to build authorized projects at Rocky Boy and Fort Peck. We're also looking for opportunities to advance settlements on the Fort Belknap and Blackfeet reservations.

Succeeding requires a lot of hard work on your part, and my part, and a willingness to negotiate in good faith.

I look forward to continuing that work with you. Thanks again, good luck, and keep in touch.

Sincerely,



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