

# United States Senate

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MMIW Tribunal  
Blackfeet Community College  
Browning, MT

Dear friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to share a few words with you today as we seek to address this important issue. I want to say a special thanks to Chairman Davis, the Blackfeet Tribal Council, and Sarah Atiqtalik, MMIW Tribunal Coordinator, for your hard work in putting together this event.

In Montana and across our nation, we're facing a devastating crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. The lack of accountability and the lack of answers for victims and their families is unacceptable.

That's why I'm working hard to lead this fight in the U.S. Senate to raise awareness and find legislative solutions, like the bipartisan Savanna's Act, that will address this issue head on. I continue to support additional amendments requested by Tribal leaders in Montana that will make Savanna's Act even stronger. I have also cosponsored a bill requiring the federal government to conduct an in-depth study on missing and murdered Indigenous people.

Directly impacting the MMIW crisis is the meth epidemic. Highly-potent, low-cost Mexican meth is smuggled across our southern border and Indian Country has been hit especially hard. We must do whatever it takes to stop the flow of meth into Montana communities. Enough is enough.

It is an honor to serve as your United States Senator. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

God bless,



Steve Daines  
United States Senator