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Jon Tester
Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Amendment to Crow Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010

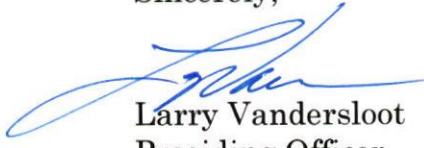
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Sincerely,


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