

United States Senate

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The Honorable Julie Su
U.S. Department of Labor
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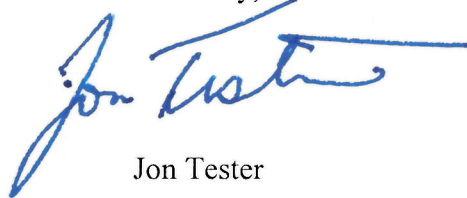
Dear Acting Secretary Su:

I write to follow up on my previous outreach to urge the Department of Labor to quickly review and approve an incoming application for National Dislocated Worker Assistance submitted by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry. Last month, Sibanye-Stillwater announced significant layoffs at its palladium mine in Montana. Through no fault of their own, hundreds of hardworking miners are going to lose their jobs. While I work to make sure more Montanans are able to keep their jobs, it is critically important that your agency work to maximize the availability of resources to support the impacted Montanan families.

The National Dislocated Worker program provides resources in response to major economic events and will help Montanans get access to employment and training services. An urgent review of the application submitted by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry is necessary for folks to get the support they deserve. In addition to National Dislocated Worker Assistance, the Department of Labor should work to identify and offer other employment services to help individuals recover from the job loss and plan for reemployment.

I stand ready to work with you to support the local workforce and help the region rebound. I look forward to your response and immediate consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester