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The Honorable Julie Su Acting Secretary United States Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20210

Dear Acting Secretary Su:

I write to notify the Department of Labor that an application for National Dislocated Worker Assistance has been submitted by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry requesting \$11,500,000 in funding. Last month, Sibanye-Stillwater announced significant layoffs at its palladium mine in Montana. This assistance will help hardworking Montanans who are losing their jobs at no fault of their own. While I work to make sure more Montanans are able to keep their jobs, it is critically important that your agency quickly approve this application and expedite 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 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