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Mr. Ravalli County Board Of Commissioners  
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Dear Mr. Board Of Commissioners,

Thank you for contacting me to voice your opposition to closing or transferring Job Corps Civilian Conservation Centers (CCC) in Montana. I value your opinion, and you will be pleased to know that President Trump has decided to keep the Anaconda CCC open at my urging.

I am a staunch supporter of the Anaconda CCC and Trapper Creek CCC and I am committed to fighting to keep them open and operating within the U.S. Forest Service. I remain concerned that efforts to close or transition CCCs, like the ones in Anaconda and Darby, will have profound impacts on the young people, staff, and surrounding communities that benefit from the programs.

In response to efforts to close the Anaconda CCC, I decided to go straight to the top and spoke directly with President Trump about the Anaconda CCC. I stressed that the Anaconda CCC employs 250 people in southwest Montana, providing skilled and trained labor for trade jobs including welders and brick layers. The site provides high-paying jobs for Montanans and adds \$8 million dollars to Anaconda's economy each year. The center was also ranked second out of all Forest Service Centers and in 2017, provided 40,000 man-hours of fighting wildfires. After our conversation, President Trump agreed and decided to keep the Anaconda CCC open.

Additionally, I am continuing to work to keep CCCs open and within the Forest Service at Trapper Creek and elsewhere in the country. I have sent a letter to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and Labor Secretary Alexander

Acosta objecting to the closure or transfer of CCC programs like Trapper Creek. I also helped introduce legislation blocking the proposed closures or transfer of all CCCs across the country. I won't stop fighting to protect these important centers in Montana.

Again, thanks for contacting me. It is my number one priority in the Senate to represent the values and interests of the people of Montana, and your input is very helpful as I do. I invite you to visit my website, [www.daines.senate.gov](http://www.daines.senate.gov), for updates about activities in Washington that affect our lives in Montana or to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you again in the future.

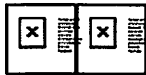
Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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