

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Acting Commissioner John Sanders  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Commissioner Sanders,

We want to thank you for restoring the hours of service at the Port of Raymond in northeast Montana. The residents who rely on this port of entry for their livelihood welcome this positive development.

We also want to thank you for attending the May 2 meeting we convened and led with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials, county commissioners, mayors, local business owners, and Canadian officials to discuss the impacts on local communities and their economic interests that cuts in the hours of service would create. Additionally, we thank you for repeating the public listening sessions for the ports of Opheim, Plentywood, Raymond and Scobey. The forums were a good way for local citizens to make known the negative impact that reduction in hours of service will have on their communities.

We understand that CBP is still considering reducing hours of service at several other northern border crossings in Montana. The meetings at the beginning of May make a strong case for the economic harm that will befall the communities that rely on these crossings. The cost of cutting hours of service to these communities far outweighs the projected \$180,000 CBP may save on overtime pay. As such, cuts in hours of service should not be implemented and the current hours of service should continue.

While we remain willing to work with you on the needs of your service to protect America and resolve the crisis at the southern border, we encourage you to refrain from causing a crisis at the northern border at the same time.

Sincerely,



Greg Gianforte  
Member of Congress



Steve Daines  
United States Senator