

United States Senate

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26th Annual March Against Drugs and Violence
Yellowstone County Courthouse
Billings, Montana

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to share a few words as we gather for the 26th Annual March Against Drugs and Violence (MADV) to confront these dangers that plague our community. I want to say a special thanks to MADV Founder Mike Yakawich for your heart-driven work to support Montanans who fall victim to the unjust grip of these evils.

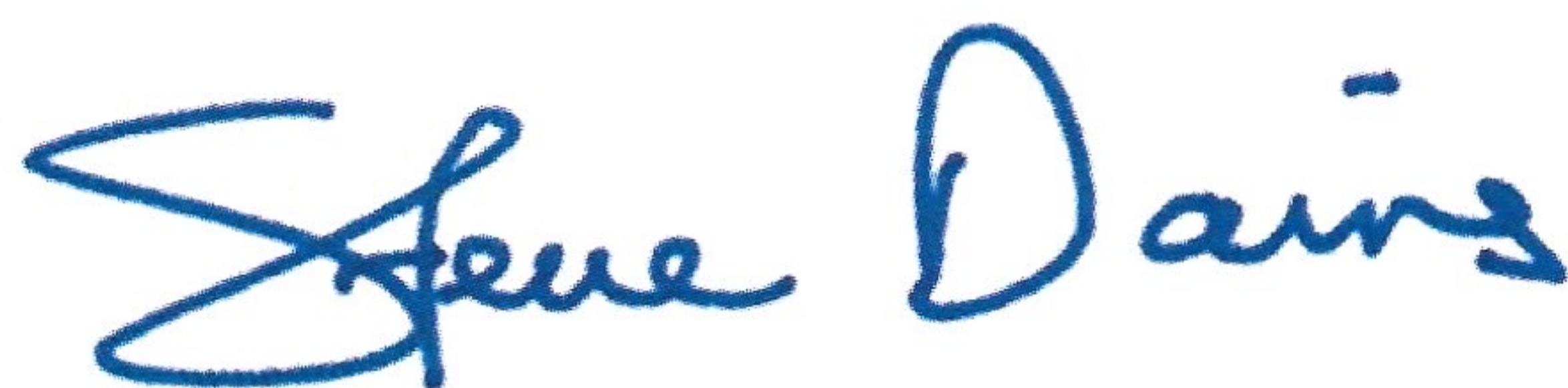
Drugs and violence know no limits and they cross every boundary. They do not discriminate by age, race, income, or location. No community is immune and no one is left untouched by the ripple effects they create. That's why I am hopeful that today's day of action will be just as far-reaching, because this fight belongs to all of us who strive for a safer and stronger future.

We know that government alone cannot solve this problem. Preventing drug addiction and violence is the responsibility of our entire community, and today, as we walk to bring awareness, we are also sending a collective message that such evils will not be tolerated in our households, our streets, and everywhere in between. Our community and the people within it are worth fighting for.

I am grateful for each of the individuals and organizations represented here today who remain fiercely committed to protecting our fellow Montanans. Your work is impacting lives and healing families.

It is an honor to serve as your United States Senator, and if I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

God Bless,



Steve Daines
United States Senator