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AN OPEN LETTER TO KURT ALME, CANDIDATE FOR US SENATE

Dear Mr. Alme,

You and I are both attorneys, both practicing in Montana for many decades. Though we've never met, we share numerous common colleagues and experiences. We both attended out-of-state law schools. Both of us love Montana and what it has to offer.

You are also a very smart lawyer. And, as I've been advised by common colleagues, some of whom have hosted you in their homes (and they in yours), you're also a man of principles with a strong religious faith.

So as I watched the senatorial debate on Sunday, I was surprised at several things. First, I knew you had the endorsement of President Trump going into the debate. But you rarely, if ever, mentioned him by name. Second, the debate format provided for no follow-up questions, so there was no opportunity for any candidate to be confronted about their statements. Third, I noticed you did not give an answer to a couple questions posed by the journalists. Accordingly, in my judgment, President Trump's policies, to which you have signed on, were never given the full-throated defense I would expect from a Harvard-trained lawyer and former US Attorney.

With this letter, therefore, I'm boldly taking the liberty to pose a handful of questions to you which I believe you ought to provide answers in your quest for the US Senate. (Questions #1 & #12 follow up to those which you missed answering in the debate):

1. The Iran war has so far cost about 104 billion dollars. Why is it not an illegal war under the War Powers Act, and what would you do as a US Senator to end it?
2. Can you explain why Trump's DOD failed to anticipate and adequately prepare for the closure of the Strait of Hormuz before starting its war on Iran?
3. Fuel price increases since start of war on Iran have added over $1,100 to average family expenses. Likewise, diesel fuel prices, upon which Montana's ag industry depends, is off the charts. What will you do as senator to reverse this?
4. Do you believe Trump's tariffs have caused any part of the average 3.4% US consumer inflation since Trump took office? (Now at 3.7%). What would you do as senator to reduce it?
5. Federal debt has ballooned from $36.2 trillion to $40.2 trillion under Trump (190

billion per month). Since you have Mr. Trump's endorsement, can you explain the administration's reasons for incurring this increase?

6. As an attorney, how can you justify Trump's purchase of diesel fuel from Russia in violation of the 2026 Lindsay Graham Russia Sanctions act (HR 5334).
7. Since Russia supports Iran, with which the US is at war, and is invading Ukraine which is a US ally, why is Trump's diesel deal with Putin not an act of treason under 18 U.S.C. §2381?
8. As a former prosecutor, do you support Trump's pardons of Trevor Milton, Changpeng Zhao, and Joe Lewis, all felons convicted of fraud, and whose pardons excused them from payment of millions of $ in fines or restitution to their victims?
9. As a former prosecutor, do you support Trump's pardons and sentence commutations of 1,500 convicted January 6 criminals?
10. As senator would you support legislation to compel complete disclosure of the Epstein files, with only victim names redacted?
11. As an attorney, do you believe the case of Trump v. US (US, 2024, granting absolute immunity to the President for presidential acts) was correctly decided and if so, what provision of the US Constitution creates it?
12. Would you support legislation to reverse the Trump administration's revocation of the Roadless Rule, and why or why not?
13. Do you believe the 2020 presidential election was stolen, and what is your evidence for your point of view?

Thank you for your attention to my query.

Sincerely,



Roy Andes