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Friends,

Thank you for your commitment to building safer, stronger, healthier communities. Together, we share a common goal: to prevent drug use, and get those struggling with addiction clean, sober, healthy, and on the path to reaching their full potential. That’s why it’s important you’re all here to talk about how we can keep moving the ball forward and help our communities thrive.

As you know well, we must educate young Montanans on the consequences of drug use, and we need partnerships to do it – from Butte Cares and other community-based nonprofits, to local officials, to our partners in law enforcement, to every day Montanans. Each of us plays a role in combating the drug epidemic and addiction crisis we face, and you all are doing your part.

I want to commend and thank the entire Butte community for leading the fight against drug use and abuse at the community level, serving as a model for communities across Montana. Your work not only change people’s lives, but they also make our entire state stronger. And I want to especially recognize all the young Montanans who will be recognized today for serving their peers, making their community a better place to live, and preventing drug abuse.

Ultimately, we all want the same thing: to build stronger, safer communities where all young Montanans can reach their full, God-given potential. Thank you for your continued partnership.

Know that my door is always open. God bless each of you, and may God bless Montana and our great nation.

Sincerely,

Greg Gianforte

Governor