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To: U.S. Senator John Barrasso
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso,

We are writing to express our support for naming the highest point in Sheridan County, Wyoming, currently identified only as the "Sheridan County High Point," located at approximately 44.56846, -107.37308, as "Krinkee Peak."

We cannot imagine a more appropriate way to honor the life, service, and legacy of Sergeant Nevada Paul Krinke.

Sergeant Krinke was a member of the Sheridan Police Department who dedicated his life to serving others. Born October 15, 1990, Nevada graduated from Bozeman High School in 2009 and went on to serve eight years in the United States Army, including service with the 82nd Airborne Division. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and served his country with distinction.

Following his military service, Nevada continued his commitment to service by joining the Sheridan Police Department on October 2, 2017, at the age of 26. During his career with the department, he served as a police officer, was promoted to Corporal, and ultimately to Patrol Sergeant. In every position, he demonstrated the qualities we ask of those who choose a life of public service: courage, integrity, humility, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to others.

On February 13, 2024, Sergeant Krinke was killed in the line of duty while serving the community he loved. His death was a devastating loss to his family, his friends, the Sheridan Police Department, the law enforcement community, and the people of Sheridan County. Yet, in the aftermath of that tragedy, we were reminded of the extraordinary impact one individual can have through a life dedicated to serving others.

Naming this prominent landmark Krinke Peak would provide a lasting and meaningful tribute to Nevada and to the values he represented.

There is particular significance in placing his name on the highest point in Sheridan County. A peak is a place of perspective. It stands above the landscape and remains visible long after the people who climb it have gone. In that same way, Nevada's legacy should stand above the circumstances of his death and remain a source of perspective, inspiration, and pride for generations to come.

Nevada was a soldier, a police officer, a leader, a husband, a son, a brother, a friend, and a member of a community that loved him. He understood that service was not simply a profession; it was a responsibility to others. He carried that responsibility from the United States Army into law enforcement and ultimately gave his life protecting the people he had sworn to serve.

Krinkee Peak would not simply be a monument to how Nevada died. It would be a tribute to how he lived.

Naming High Peak after Sergeant Krinkee would honor his military service and his law enforcement service. It would recognize his leadership and his willingness to put others before himself. Perhaps most importantly, it would give future generations an opportunity to ask, *"Who was Nevada Krinkee?"* The answer would be a story worth telling, a story of a young man who chose a life of service, who led with integrity, and who made the ultimate sacrifice for others.

The naming of geographic landmarks carries significance because such names endure. Roads, buildings, parks, and other memorials can change over time, but a geographic feature can carry a name across generations. We believe Krinkee Peak would become a permanent part of the story of Sheridan County, and a lasting reminder of the type of person Nevada was.

For these reasons, we support the proposal to officially designate the Sheridan County High Point as Krinkee Peak.

Nevada spent his life standing in service to others. It is fitting that his name should now stand at the highest point in the county he called home.

Please accept our support for the naming of Krinkee Peak in honor of Sergeant Nevada Paul Krinkee.

Respectfully,

Christi Haswell
Chairwoman, Sheridan County Commissioners