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Governor Bullock to FBI: Keep FBI Office in Sidney

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock sent a letter today to the Director of the FBI James Comey, urging him to keep the Bakken FBI office in its current location in Sidney, MT.

“When the FBI was looking to set-up an office in the area, Sidney community leaders recognized the importance of having these resources in the area and stepped up to offer space and support to the agents. Now the FBI needs to step-up and recognize the importance of keeping the office in Sidney,” Bullock said of his letter.

In 2013, the FBI chose to open an office in the Bakken oil fields to combat the increase in violent crime and drug trafficking as a result of development in the area. The Sheriff of Richland County offered office space at no charge to the incoming agents. Since this time, the agents have developed relationships that are important in combating crime in the area.

In his letter, Bullock also highlights the geographic reasons for keeping the office in Sidney, pointing out that the city is equidistant from both Williston and Watford City, in the center of Bakken activity.

Bullock’s letter to Comey can be found at: <http://mt.gov/news/docs/02112014%20DirectorComey.pdf>

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