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## Dear Applicant,

I want to thank you for the interest you have expressed in the VISTA Leader position with Montana Campus Compact. Our organization has worked to promote civic engagement and advance the public purposes of higher education in our state since 1993. Over the years, this has taken many forms, including student recognitions, volunteerism awards, and civic engagement assessments. Since the early 2000s, a cornerstone of our efforts has been to provide meaningful AmeriCorps opportunities that give Americans of all backgrounds a chance to improve the lives of Montanans through service, whether that be by helping students to graduate high school, writing grants to increase nonprofit capacity, organizing free summer meal programs, or any one of the dozens of projects of the past 20 years.

If you enter a year of service as my VISTA Leader, you will play an instrumental role in keeping our AmeriCorps programming running smoothly for the benefit of our state's residents, our partner nonprofits and colleges, and, of course, our AmeriCorps members. You will be the first line of support for members as they navigate service years in placements around the state. You will organize twice-monthly solidarity calls to keep the cohort connected, you will help to plan training events, and you will have a say in the priorities of our VISTA program as we look to the future and develop upcoming initiatives. As a special benefit of this position, you will be able to enjoy much of the scenery of beautiful Montana, as well as out-of-the way nooks and crannies as you accompany me on trips to visit members and service sites all across the state.

If you are selected for this position, I am confident that you will have an incredible experience, and that it will open up valuable pathways to you in the public sector.

Sincerely,

Callye Foster MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA Director Foster@mtcompact.org 406-243-2379