

Background on the Senator-elect's statements, positions, and record on diplomacy, international assistance, and U.S. international affairs programs.

A former U.S. Attorney for the District of Montana, Senator-elect Kurt Alme brings experience in federal prosecution and fiscal policy and believes, "**Our foreign policy must always put America first. Our country is most secure when we pursue peace through strength**."

Alme graduated from the University of Colorado in 1989 and Harvard Law School in 1992. His public service record also includes serving as Montana's Budget Director in 2021 and Director of the Department of Revenue from 2001 to 2003.

ON U.S. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AND AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE WORLD:

- In an October 2026 candidate interview, Alme said, "We need to look through our foreign policy lens from an American-first perspective. And America has always been safest when we've pursued peace through strength."
- In an October 2026 campaign interview, Alme said that "peace through strength" requires military investment, saying, "We need to ensure our servicemen and our servicewomen have the tools that they need to get the job done and also to stay safe."

ON GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY:

- In an October 2026 interview, Alme said, "I will support our ranch families as they work to rebuild those herds and also to stay profitable... because they're the ones that feed America and feed the world with high-quality beef and affordable beef."

ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC ENGAGEMENT:

- At an October 2026 Senate debate, Alme called for a negotiated trade agreement with Canada, saying, "I want a deal, and I want it soon," adding, "What's not acceptable is for Montana farmers, ranchers, and businesses to be caught in the middle."
- In an October 2026 interview, Alme said, "I had my doubts about tariffs, but Canada has gone with unfair trade for too long. Somebody needed to stand up and push back for a level playing field."

ON GLOBAL COMPETITION WITH CHINA:

- Asked in a May 2026 interview about relations among the United States, China, and Russia, Alme said, "We're all looking for cooperation, stability, and peace."

- Asked at an October debate about China's national-security threat and Montana agriculture, Alme said, "We can't depend on China for our national security. We need to stop China intellectual property theft and cybersecurity threats against this country, and we need to stop allowing them to undermine the United States with meth and fentanyl... We need to support Montana agriculture," and "we need to continue to work with China to open up their market" for Montana wheat, beef, barley, and pulses.

ON ENERGY SECURITY:

- In September 2026, Alme said, "Energy security is national security. We should produce more of the energy we need here at home for affordable, reliable power. With advancing technology, we can increase production while protecting our environment."
- Alme added that the U.S. should "free ourselves from energy dependence on our enemy nations out there," arguing that this would "increase our national security as well as our economic security."

ON CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST:

- At an October 2026 debate on the Iran war, Alme said, "I'll never support having our sons and daughters' boots on the ground in another forever war. But we can't allow that regime to have nuclear weapons. We need to support the president, our troops, and our diplomats as they work to set back Iran's nuclear program and work to reopen their control of the straits."
- In a March 2026 response to the Montana Free Press election guide, Alme said, "Congress must consistently enforce its constitutional role," while emphasizing that commanders-in-chief must be able to take "quick, decisive action to protect Americans."
- At an October 2026 debate, Alme opposed restricting further U.S. weapons use against Iran, saying, "We would cut our diplomats off at the knees, and we would get a terrible deal."