

Before coming to Congress, David worked for 2 years at the National Research Council's Board on Chemical Sciences and Technology on projects studying the ability to make explosives more detectable and identifiable. He has a master's of public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, where he worked for former Secretary of Defense Ash Carter.

As my chief of staff, David led with wit and wisdom and demonstrated an uncanny ability to get the job done. He has been by my side for countless meetings with foreign leaders, ambassadors, military commanders, corporate chiefs, and local officials. David has served as a mentor for many members of my staff and his professionalism and dedication are second to none. He is someone that I am proud to call a friend.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank David's wife, Kerry Searle Grannis, and their three wonderful children: Owen, Amelia, and Nathaniel. The chief of staff job is certainly not always easy. I appreciate their support of David throughout his tenure with my office, and I hope his next venture will allow for more time with his family.

While I am sad to see David leave, I am thrilled that he has taken on a new role as the executive director for the Commission on the National Defense Strategy. I have every confidence that his steady hand, insight on the issues, and decisive leadership will serve the commission well.

I thank David for his years of dedicated service to the people of California. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors, and I will deeply miss him.

TRIBUTE TO WENDY SHERMAN

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Wendy Sherman, a fellow native Marylander and a distinguished daughter of Baltimore—and a true friend of mine—as she retires tomorrow from her position as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of State.

As Deputy Secretary of State since the start of the Biden administration, Ms. Sherman has been entrusted with handling some of the most intractable diplomatic engagements our country has to manage. It is no wonder that one of her senior colleagues in the administration told the *New York Times* recently that she is the one most often deployed to have “hard conversations in hard places.” This included a vital meeting with her Russian counterpart in Geneva in January of 2022 where she delivered the U.S. Government's final warnings to the Kremlin about the high costs they would incur should they invade Ukraine.

Wendy's early career was built around assisting women who had been abused and people in poverty, helping them to succeed despite underprivileged circumstances. The circle of peo-

ple benefiting from her sharp intelligence and good heart widened quickly over the years. Advancing from her early career as a social worker, she became the executive director of EMILY's List, an important organization for the advancement of women in American politics, to the director of Maryland's office of child welfare, and later to become the founding president of the Fannie Mae Foundation.

Along the way, Ms. Sherman also worked closely with our former colleague Senator Barbara Mikulski as her chief of staff during her time in the House of Representatives, and so she worked on many legislative issues and constituent services that were important for the people of Maryland.

Ms. Sherman later served during the Clinton administration as an Assistant Secretary and then counselor at the U.S. Department of State and then as special adviser to President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright as North Korea policy coordinator. She was instrumental in negotiations related to North Korea's nuclear weapon and ballistic missile programs. Wendy directly contributed to our country's national security, as she secured a deal in which North Korea agreed not to produce, test, or deploy missiles with a range of more than 300 miles, preventing North Korea from fielding missiles that could strike the United States.

Working closely with Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton and John Kerry, Wendy returned to the Department during the Obama administration and continued her work to further our international goals as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, the fourth-ranking official in the U.S. Department of State, and the first woman to rise to that rank.

As the lead negotiator for the Iran nuclear deal, Wendy led six arduous negotiating rounds between Iran and six world powers to reach consensus on Tehran's nuclear program. As leader of a special task force following 2012 Benghazi attack, Wendy leveraged her experience to help implement recommendations to improve protections for Foreign Service personnel, bolstering the safety and security of our diplomats serving our countries overseas. For these and many other diplomatic accomplishments requiring toughness, fortitude, and diplomatic savvy, she was awarded the National Security Medal by President Barack Obama.

Out of government, Wendy continued to work closely with Madeline Albright as vice president and senior counselor at Albright Stonebridge Group, before returning to the national security sector again in her present capacity.

Wendy has further leveraged her diplomatic experience to the benefit of academia and the nonprofit world, serving as professor of the practice of public leadership and director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard's Kennedy School. She was

also a senior fellow at the School's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. She has served on the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, as chair of the Board of Directors of Oxfam America, and on the DOD's Defense Policy Board and the Congressional Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction, Proliferation, and Terrorism. Through these diverse roles, Wendy has helped to not only shape the next generation of diplomats and foreign affairs professionals, but the future of diplomacy.

This month, Wendy Sherman retires as one of the most accomplished diplomats in American history. Wendy will be missed by me and by her wide circle of professional colleagues and admirers. I have no doubt that she will continue to impart her wisdom and experience even as she returns to the private sector.

Wendy Sherman is the embodiment of a fine public servant and a true stateswoman, by turns persuasive and toughminded as the situation calls for, inspiring future generations to follow in her footsteps. I wish her all the best for her future endeavors.

MARC FOGEL

Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, I rise today to share a few words in honor of the 62nd birthday of Marc Hilliard Fogel, an American currently imprisoned in Russia.

Marc is an American schoolteacher, a father, a husband, and an uncle. And in August of 2021, after living and teaching in Russia for 9 years, Marc was arrested and sentenced to 14 years in Russian prison. His imprisonment is unjust and unacceptable, plain and simple.

I recently met with Marc's family, who currently reside in Montana, and I would like to honor his birthday today by taking the time to share some of what they shared with me as they work tirelessly to bring him home.

Marc is a dedicated partner to his wife Jane, an inspiring dad to his two sons Sam and Ethan, and a caring son to his 94-year-old mother Malphine. He is a committed brother to his sisters Anne and Lisa and an uncle to Anne's three children. He is a sports fanatic, a fan of Steely Dan, an avid reader, a passionate teacher, and a world traveler. If you talk to his family, they will tell you about his infectious personality, his love for learning and teaching, and his dedication to community. He devoted his life to children, and was steadfast in guiding his students to learn, grow, and think independently. And today, he is marking his 62nd birthday not with his loved ones, but in Russian prison.

As we approach the second anniversary of Marc's detention, it is our duty to use all the tools at our disposal to bring Marc home. This week, I introduced a bipartisan resolution calling for his immediate release, and I am

here today to strongly urge the Biden administration to prioritize securing his release and the State Department to designate him as “wrongfully detained.”

The unjust imprisonment of Marc Fogel has gone on far too long. Now, we must do everything in our power to ensure this innocent American is reunited with his loved ones, so he can spend his next birthday—and many after—surrounded by family.

Happy Birthday, Marc. We will keep working to get you home.

TRIBUTE TO MORGAN CASHWELL

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I want to take a moment to recognize a dear friend and devoted advocate for Maine, my legislative director, Morgan Cashwell. She proudly served my office and the people of Maine for more than 8 years. Years filled with sleepless nights of vote-a-ramas, preparation for committee hearings, and long negotiations. She has been an extraordinary leader, an effective policymaker, and a wonderful colleague and mentor to so many.

There is never an “easy” time to work in Congress, but certainly, there have been few times more challenging or unpredictable than during the COVID-19 pandemic. Taking over as legislative director amid regularly shifting public health guidance, Morgan was able to maintain a successful and efficient legislative team, all while keeping morale high and putting Maine people first. This leadership—rooted in kindness—has made her beloved by everyone in the office and all those who are lucky enough to know her.

You never want staff who will just tell you what you want to hear; that was never Morgan. In fact, Morgan embodies the Maine spirit of “calling ‘em like you see ‘em” and providing her honest advice in even the toughest situations. I valued her counsel and knew it was always guided by an unshakable moral compass and a true compassion for others.

Not only is Morgan among the best staffers I have had the privilege of working with; you could not find a more effective legislative director in Congress. During her time working for Maine, it is not an exaggeration to say that Morgan’s steady hand has helped shape some of our most important recent bills. Her impact can be found across generational investments in the great outdoors, the country’s most significant piece of climate legislation, and a historic expansion of broadband infrastructure.

To cite just one example of many: When Maine’s vital and iconic lobster industry came under threat last year, Morgan led the successful effort to defend the livelihood of thousands of men and women who responsibly work the water against an otherwise certain economic death sentence. Thanks to her fierce advocacy, the Maine delegation was able to include protection for our

State’s lobstering communities in the 2023 omnibus appropriations legislation, a last-minute addition that might not have happened without her dedication, selfless nature, and tireless determination to do what was right.

While I am truly sad to see her go, I wish Morgan all the best as she enters this next chapter of her career and profoundly thank her and her supportive family: husband Keith and her children Rory and Reese.

Morgan, I will be forever grateful for your service. Maine, my staff, and the entire country are all better for it.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY

• Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the board, staff, and supporters of Growing Hope Globally as they celebrate their commitment to putting their Christian faith into practice by helping end hunger globally.

Every day, Growing Hope Globally implements grassroots solutions to hunger that link rural communities in the U.S. with smallholder farmers in developing countries. Specifically, farmers in the United States tithe a portion of their crops to combatting global hunger. Their work makes a difference for so many people, both in the United States and around the world.

This small nonprofit with big ambitions began with the compassion of two Ohio farmers and their friends who wanted to put their faith into action and help build a better world. Over the past 25 years, Growing Hope Globally has expanded from just one project in Stryker, OH, started by Vernon and Carol Sloan, to supporting projects in 21 different States that have served more than 2.2 million people. Vernon and Carol’s idea was simple but powerful: fund agricultural development programs that support small farmers and rural communities through grassroots farmer-to-farmer assistance.

I am inspired by the farmers in Ohio and across the Nation who invest their profits in agricultural development projects that support small farmers in countries facing hunger and food insecurity. Just last year, Growing Hope Globally hosted 130 U.S. projects. They oversaw 47 agricultural development programs in 30 countries, and they helped more than 200,000 people find lasting solutions to hunger.

I am sure my Senate colleagues join me in congratulating Growing Hope Globally’s 25-year journey. I look forward to supporting this important organization, and seeing all you will accomplish in the next 25 years.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID STAMEY

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the distinct honor of recognizing David Stamey, chief of emergency

services for Stillwater County, MT, for his dedication to keeping his community safe, no matter what disaster may ensue.

David has served Stillwater County as the chief of emergency services for nearly a year and a half, and since assuming his position in April of 2022, he has managed several disasters that few county DES coordinators would see in a lifetime.

Just 2 months after stepping into his role, David was tasked with responding to historic 500-year flooding throughout the region. When the substantial amount of snow and heavy rainfall from earlier that spring met the rapidly rising temperatures in June, the snowmelt and water runoff sparked immediate flooding throughout the Yellowstone Valley. Agricultural land, homes, roads, bridges, and critical infrastructure took a significant hit. The Sibanye-Stillwater Mine in Nye, the world’s only viable platinum and palladium mining operation outside South Africa and Russia, was forced to suspend operations for roughly 6 weeks due to a road that provided entry to the mine being washed out. David continued to work tirelessly with local, State, and Federal partners to ensure the road would be restored in a timely manner and that his community at large remained on a swift path to recovery.

Most recently, a portion of a train headed westbound near Reed Point derailed while crossing a bridge over the Yellowstone River. Thankfully, there were no reported injuries, but there were multiple railcars submerged in the river releasing asphalt downstream. About a week later, all of the railcars involved in the derailment were removed from the scene, and after just 28 days post outage, the bridge was newly constructed, allowing the first train to cross over safely as crews continue to work diligently to remove remaining asphalt from the river. Thanks to David’s effective leadership and coordination within the Unified Command structure, train service was restored while never compromising anyone’s health or safety.

It is my distinct honor to recognize David Stamey for his unwavering commitment to keeping residents of Stillwater County safe. He has selflessly dedicated 30 years of his life to disaster and emergency services, and I am confident his passion and expertise in this field will benefit folks in Stillwater County and across the State of Montana for years to come. Thank you for your continued efforts to keep Montanans safe, David. You make Montana proud.●

TRIBUTE TO BILLINGS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor of congratulating the Billings High School class of 1973. These graduates grew up in the shadow of the Cold War, they all remember the