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Peter Rothen
Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany
1960 Jackson St.
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Consul General Rothen:

On behalf of the State of Montana, allow me to express my profound sympathy to you, the German government, and most importantly, the family and friends of Diren Dede. His death is tragic.

I understand Diren was loved and admired by many. His contributions to the soccer team, Big Sky High School and the Missoula community ran deep. As a father of three children, I offer my sincere condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Dede and Diren's sisters.

Thank you for your letter. I am pleased to hear that the Missoula authorities have worked well with you and that German Consulate officials have been well received. I also appreciate your stated respect for Montana's laws. I have a great deal of confidence in Missoula's law enforcement officials and our criminal justice system. I trust that the investigation and potential criminal proceedings will be conducted in accordance with Montana law with impartiality and justice.

I understand that you plan to travel to Montana in the near future; I look forward to meeting with you at that time. Diren's family and friends—both in Missoula and in Hamburg—are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor