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<p><i>Paid for by Americans for Prosperity.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>OUT-OF-STATE AND OUT OF TOUCH</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANOTHER OUT-OF-STATE GROUP FUNDED BY SECRET MONEY TRIES TO BUY DENNIS REHBERG A SENATE SEAT</p> <p>Americans for Prosperity Funded and Run by Out-of-State Koch Industries Executives. Americans for Prosperity was founded by David H. Koch, one of the wealthiest men in America and the executive vice president and board member of Koch Industries. Recently, Koch gave \$5 million to Americans for Prosperity. The recent President of Americans for Prosperity is a former lobbyist for Koch Industries. In 2009, AFP President Tim Phillips said Koch “launched our organization.” The executive Vice President of Koch Industries said, “What we have done is support the Americans for Prosperity Foundation, which has been active in various forms for nearly 30 years.” [New York Times, 7/10/08; MSNBC, 3/31/10; Politico, 10/14/08, Washington Examiner, 7/18/10; Washington Independent, 10/5/09]</p> <p>AFP “Can Collect Unlimited Corporate And Individual Contributions But Do Not Have To Disclose Their Donors.” In January 2012, NPR made a correction to an earlier story, saying: “A previous Web version of this story incorrectly stated that Americans for Prosperity is a superPAC. In fact, it is a nonprofit group backed by conservatives David and Charles Koch that has also been spending money on campaign ads this cycle. Nonprofits like AFP can collect unlimited corporate and individual contributions but do not have to disclose their donors.” [NPR, 1/31/12]</p> <p>AFP Groups Raised \$39.6 Million In Undisclosed Donations In 2010. In March 2012, <i>Forbes</i> reported: “Together, the foundation and AFP raised \$39.6 million in 2010, according to tax returns. How much of the funding comes from the Kochs is uncertain because neither group has to reveal its donors.” [<i>Forbes</i>, 3/31/12]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Unnamed Donor Gave \$4 Million To AFP. In March 2012, <i>Forbes</i> reported: “Auditors reported that one (unnamed) donor gave \$4 million and the board gave a combined \$410,000.” [<i>Forbes</i>, 3/31/12] <p>AFP Told The IRS That They Do Not Spend Revenues On Political Activities, “Raising Questions From Some Legal Experts.” In October 2011, the New York Times reported: “The conservative nonprofit Americans for Prosperity unleashed a volley of ads aimed at Democrats in last year’s midterm elections, but it recently reported to the IRS that it was not active in political campaign activities. That’s raising questions from some legal experts about how the group is using its growing cash flow from secret donors, and whether the organization is accurately reporting its election efforts to the IRS.</p>

Several experts say that AFP's message to the tax agency is wrong. AFP disagrees with them." [New York Times, [10/12/11](#)]

AFP PROMOTES POLICIES OUT OF TOUCH WITH MONTANA

Koch Cited as “One of Most Ruthless Exporters of American Manufacturing Jobs to Foreign Countries.” According to the Los Angeles Times, “Organizations that monitor employment practices also cite Koch Industries as one of the most ruthless exporters of American manufacturing jobs to foreign countries.” [Los Angeles Times, [9/25/10](#)]

Americans for Prosperity Called Effort to End Tax Breaks for Outsourcing a “Bailout” and Opposed Previous Efforts to End Tax Breaks for Outsourcing. Americans for Prosperity called an effort to fund kids education by ending tax breaks for companies who ship Americans jobs overseas. AFP also opposed an effort to close tax loopholes that encourage outsourcing of Americans jobs. [AFP, [8/4/10](#); AFP, [6/24/10](#)]

Americans for Prosperity Advocates for Privatization of Social Security. Americans for Prosperity has long advocated privatization of Social Security. According to Americans for Prosperity, "Personal accounts would allow millions of younger workers to have part of their Social Security taxes automatically invested in secure, diversified bond funds and stock funds, similar to what many workers already do with 401(k) plans and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)." [Americans for Prosperity, [6/6/05](#)]

Americans for Prosperity Opposes Cracking Down on Wall Street. Americans for Prosperity has organized protests opposing Wall Street reform and opposed holding hearing and have an entire website designed to attempting to kill Wall Street reform. [Americans for Prosperity, [4/20/10](#); Americans for Prosperity's [CFPA Exposed](#)]

Americans for Prosperity Opposed Expansion Of Children’s Health Insurance. In 2007, Americans for Prosperity opposed legislation to expand children’s health insurance to cover millions of additional kids. The legislation would have provided funding to boost enrollment to 10 million children, up from 6.6 million. [Americans for Prosperity Release, [10/18/07](#), [7/30/07](#)]

REHBERG SUPPORTS UNLIMITED SECRET CORPORATE MONEY IN ELECTIONS

Rehberg: “Citizens United Was the Right Decision on Part of the Supreme Court.” During the June 2012 Senate debate in Big Sky, Rehberg said the Supreme Court made the “right decision” on the *Citizens United* case. DR: I agree with the *Citizens United* decision because there should be nothing more free than political free speech. I happen to come down on the side of one of the reasons I voted against the original campaign finance of Feingold and McCain, was because I believe

	<p>that every single dime ought to be accounted for, it ought to be disclosed. From dollar one, within 24 hours on the internet...But when it comes to federal government and money coming in and out of the state, <i>Citizens United</i> was the right decision on the part of the Supreme Court. [Big Sky Debate, 6/16/2012]</p> <p><i>Citizens United</i> Endorsed Rehberg And Gave Him \$10,000. In September 2011, the Citizens United Victory Fund PAC endorsed Rehberg and maxed out in donations to him. Additionally, Politico reported: “In a news release, Tester's campaign will point out that Rehberg accepted a \$10,000 donation from the conservative group Citizens United, the plaintiff in the controversial Supreme Court decision, on Sept. 21.” [Facebook, 9/21/11; Politico, 1/26/12]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TESTER: ELECTIONS SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF PEOPLE, CITIZENS UNITED NEEDS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE BOOKS</p> <p>Tester: If We’re Gonna Put Elections Back in the Hands of People, <i>Citizens United</i> Needs to Be Taken Off the Books. During the June 2012 Senate debate in Big Sky, Tester said <i>Citizens United</i> needed to be overturned to return elections to the hands of the people. Tester: “News flash, corporations aren’t people. Corporations are not people. And they shouldn’t be. Right now, because of the <i>Citizens United</i> case, right now because of the <i>Citizens United</i> case corporations have more rights when it comes to campaign donations than people. Not only do we not have to know where they come from, they can deduct them. It’s crazy. The <i>Citizens United</i> case absolutely puts our democracy at risk...But the bottom line is, really the bottom line is, if we’re gonna put these elections back in the hands of people, and that’s who votes, <i>Citizens United</i> totally needs to be totally taken off the books.” [Big Sky Debate, 6/16/2012]</p> <p>Tester Backed Constitutional Amendment To Reverse <i>Citizens United</i> Decision. In January 2012, the <u>Lee State Bureau</u> reported: “Montana’s Democratic U.S. Sens. Jon Tester and Max Baucus said Tuesday that they are backing proposed constitutional amendments to reverse a controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision on campaign finance laws. They want to empower Congress to regulate campaign fundraising and spending in federal races and give state the same power in elections for state office.” [Lee State Bureau, 1/24/12]</p>
Voice Over: In the past he’s made a lot of promises, but when he got to DC that all changed.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>JON TESTER: MONTANA DIRT FARMER BRINGING MONTANA VALUES TO THE US SENATE</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Tester’s "Down-to-Earth, Matter-of-Fact Style Hasn’t Changed a Bit Since He Left Big Sandy for Washington."</i></p> <p>EDITORIAL: Straight Talk With Senator Tester. [Montana Standard, Editorial, 9/2/2010]</p>

Tester’s “Down-to-Earth, Matter-of-Fact Style Hasn’t Changed a Bit Since He Left Big Sandy for Washington.” In September 2010, the *Montana Standard* editorial board wrote: “One thing The Standard’s editorial board has always appreciated about U.S. Sen. Jon Tester is his down-to-earth, matter-of-fact style, and that hasn’t changed a bit since he left Big Sandy for Washington. He never comes in with a preset agenda to lecture at length about. Rather, he stops by for a visit, opens himself up to whatever questions we’d care to ask, and keeps his answers short and sweet to make sure there’s time to cover all the topics. We like the access and the openness.” [[Montana Standard](#), Editorial, [9/2/2010](#)]

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Helena Independent Record: Tester “A Bit of an Outsider in an Arena Now Dominated By Career Elected Officials and “Not What You Picture When Envisioning Washington DC.” In September 2010, the [Helena Independent Record](#) editorial board wrote: “One of just two farmers in the U.S. Senate [Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley is the other], a body that used to be overrun by them, Tester is a bit of an outsider in an arena now dominated by career elected officials and shrewd politics. He sports a flat top. He’s missing fingers on his left hand. He returns each weekend from the bustle of the nation’s capital to tend his Big Sandy organic wheat farm. Indeed, he’s not what you picture when envisioning Washington, D.C.” [[Helena Independent Record](#), Editorial, [9/1/2010](#)]

Helena Independent Record: What’s Striking is Tester’s Lack of Agenda. In September 2010, the [Helena Independent Record](#) editorial board wrote: “What’s striking, though, is Tester’s lack of agenda. Many politicians take over the meeting from the outset, guiding the discussion in whichever way they want, barely pausing for a darn irritating question from the darn nagging board.” [[Helena Independent Record](#), Editorial, [9/1/2010](#)]

New York Times Editorial – Jon Tester, The Well Grounded Senator. [[New York Times](#), Editorial, [8/10/2010](#)]

New York Times: It’s Good to Know At Least One Senator is Still Firmly Earthbound. In August 2010, the [New York Times](#) editorial board wrote: “Some nostalgics maintain the Senate was more functional in the days when many of its farmer-members used the spring and summer recesses to plant and harvest. That may be a myth, but it is good to know at

	<p>least one senator is still firmly earthbound.” [New York Times, Editorial, 8/10/2010]</p>
<p>Voice Over: He’s given us government run healthcare.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">POLITIFACT LIE OF THE YEAR: GOP CLAIM THAT HEALTH REFORM “A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE” DECLARED FALSE</p> <p>“Government Takeover of Health Care” Criticized as “LIE OF THE YEAR” by Pulitzer Prize Winning Fact Check Organization. According to Politifact, PolitiFact editors and reporters have chosen "government takeover of health care" as the 2010 Lie of the Year.” [Politifact, 12/16/2010]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Politifact: “The Phrase is Simply Not True.” According to Politifact, “By selecting "government takeover' as Lie of the Year, PolitiFact is not making a judgment on whether the health care law is good policy. The phrase is simply not true.” [Politifact, 12/16/2010] <p>Health Care Reform Law a “Government Takeover” Declared FALSE. [Politifact, 12/13/2010]</p>
<p>Voice Over: He’s the largest recipient of lobbyist money.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JON TESTER: TRAILBLAZER FOR ETHICS AND GOOD GOVERNMENT</p> <p>EDITORIAL: Tester Sets Good Example. [Montana Standard, Editorial, 8/26/2010]</p> <p><u>Montana Standard</u> Commended Tester for Implementing “More Stringent Ethics Policy Right Off the Bat.” In August 2010, the Montana Standard editorial board wrote: “The Standard commends Tester, too, for implementing this more stringent ethics policy right off the bat and for continuing to arrange for regular independent reviews as his term continues.” [Montana Standard, Editorial, 8/26/2010]</p> <p>Tester Office Ethics Policy “Far More Strict Than Even New Senate Rules Required” Including No Gifts, Meals or Outside Travel. As reported by The Missoulian, “In addition to the schedule postings, Murphy and the rest of Tester's staff soon found themselves working under a political ethics policy far more strict than even the new Senate rules required. The senator's rules were simple - neither Tester nor his staff would accept any gifts, meals or travel, no matter how small. Also, any former employee who left to work as a lobbyist was forbidden to lobby Tester.” [The Missoulian, 2/22/2009]</p> <p>Tester: We’ve “Set the Standard” in Making Senate More Transparent. As reported by Lee State Bureau, “Tester said</p>

	<p>he's proud of what he's done in the Senate. I've got myself on some committees that have really helped and allowed us to do some really good work for Montana,' Tester said. The senator said he's 'set the standard' in making the Senate more transparent and was the first senator to post his daily schedule online." [Lee State Bureau, 2/5/2011]</p> <p>HEADLINE – Tester Keeps Campaign Pledge on Code of Ethics. [Helena Independent Record, 3/7/2008]</p> <p>Tester: “We Made History” By Becoming The First Senate Office To Hold A Voluntarily Ethics Audit. In March 2008, Tester wrote in the Great Falls Tribune: “Ethics reform has been a top priority of mine since I joined the Senate last year. The first order of business when I went to work was to pass the most sweeping ethics reform bill since Watergate. And last week, we made history again this time by becoming the first Senate office to hold a voluntary ethics audit.” [Great Falls Tribune, opinion, 3/18/08]</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DENNIS REHBERG HID \$25,000 IN DONATIONS FROM LOBBYISTS</p> <p>HEADLINE – Rehberg Underreports Lobbyist Donations. [AP, 2/5/2012]</p> <p>Rehberg’s Campaign Received About \$25,000 From Three Dozen Undisclosed Lobbyists. In February 2012, the AP reported: “But an Associated Press analysis of campaign finance disclosure reports through October turned up nearly three dozen lobbyists, who donated a total of about \$20,000 to Rehberg’s campaign, with their employment left blank on disclosure forms.” Rehberg received another \$5,000 from undisclosed lobbyists in his 2012 first quarter FEC report, which had not been available at the time the story was published. [AP, 2/5/12; FEC, accessed 6/13/12]</p> <p>Rehberg’s Campaign “Took A Hit” After Discovery Of Unreported Lobbyist Contributions. In February 2012, The Hill reported: “Montana congressman Denny Rehberg's bid to unseat Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) took a hit Sunday after the Associated Press uncovered lobbyist contributions to the Republican hopeful's campaign.” [The Hill, 2/5/12]</p>
Voice Over: Raised the debt ceiling to pay for bailouts.	<p style="text-align: center;">JON TESTER VOTED AGAINST WALL STREET BAILOUTS AND AUTO BAILOUT</p> <p>Tester Was “The Only Democrat Who Voted Against Both” The Wall Street And Auto Bailouts. In December 2008, the AP reported: “Tester, the only Democrat who voted against both the Wall Street and automobile manufacturer rescue plans, said that he still thinks there is a good way to get help to car companies.” [AP, 12/17/08]</p> <p>Tester Voted Against \$700 Billion Financial Bailout. In October 2008, Senator Tester voted against passage of the bill</p>

	<p>that would allow the Treasury to use up to \$700 billion, in installments, to buy certain mortgage assets. The bill would require the Treasury to create a program to insure mortgage assets, would provide for congressional oversight and would limit compensation for executives whose troubled assets are purchased. It would call on Treasury to implement a plan to reduce foreclosures and encourage servicers of mortgages to modify mortgage terms. The bill would allow the department to immediately use \$250 billion in authority to buy assets, with an additional \$100 billion if the president certifies such an expansion. The president would have to provide a written request for the remaining \$350 billion, which would be subject to congressional disapproval and subsequent veto override. It would temporarily expand federal deposit insurance to \$250,000 per bank account. It also would extend dozens of expired or expiring tax provisions, including several energy tax provisions. It would provide a one-year adjustment to exempt roughly 22 million taxpayers from paying the alternative minimum tax on 2008 income and require private insurance plans to put mental health benefits on par with other medical benefits. [CQ; Vote 212, 10/1/08; Vote 213, 10/1/08]</p> <p>Tester Voted to Prevent Release of Second Half of \$700 Billion Bailout Bill. In January 2009, Senator Tester voted for passage of the joint resolution that would prevent the release of the second half of the \$700 billion provided under the 2008 financial industry bailout law. [CQ; Vote 5, 1/15/09]</p> <p>Tester Voted Against Bailout For Domestic Automakers. In December 2008, Senator Tester voted against a motion to invoke cloture [thus limiting debate] on the motion to proceed to the bill on the alternative minimum tax, which would serve as the vehicle for an emergency loan package for domestic automakers. [CQ; Vote 215, 12/11/08]</p>
<p>Voice Over: You might be thinking Barack Obama.</p> <p>Voice Over: Close.</p> <p>Voice Over: He's one of Barack Obama's favorite Senators.</p> <p>Voice Over: Jon Tester.</p> <p>Voice Over: The same Jon Tester who talks one way in Montana,</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JON TESTER PUTS MONTANA FIRST</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"More Than Willing to Cross Party Lines in Interests of Doing What's Right for All Montanans."</i></p> <p>EDITORIAL: "Tester Has Made It His Mission to Represent All Montanans." In January 2009, the <u>Missoulian</u> editorial board wrote: "These are the sort of actions that show us Tester has made it his mission to represent all Montanans, not just Democrats. And that's the sort of spirit we believe truly represents Montana." [<u>The Missoulian</u>, Editorial, 1/18/2009]</p> <p>EDITORIAL: Tester "Often Seems More Than Willing to Cross Party Lines in Interests of Doing What's Right for All Montanans." In January 2009, the <u>Missoulian</u> editorial board wrote: "Although Tester is a member of the Democratic Party, he often seems more than willing to cross party lines in the interests of doing what's right for all Montanans. Thus he was the lone Democrat to vote against giving \$15 billion in emergency loans to the auto industry, on top of his earlier vote against the \$700 billion bailout for the financial industry." [<u>The Missoulian</u>, Editorial, 1/18/2009]</p>

<p>votes 95% of the time with Obama.</p> <p>Voice Over: Tell Jon Tester to stop supporting Obama's interests, and start supporting Montana's.</p> <p><i>Screen Text: Call Jon Tester at 202-224-2644 and tell him: Stop Supporting Obama's Interests and Start Supporting Montana's.</i></p> <p><i>Americansforprosperity.org.</i></p> <p><i>Paid For By American's For Prosperity</i></p>	<p><u>Helena Independent Record Praised Tester as “Honest, Forthright and Jovial Elected Official Who’s About as Open as the Expansive Montana Prairie.”</u> In September 2010, the <u>Helena Independent Record</u> editorial board wrote: “Sometimes, though, it’s what a person isn’t that makes him what he is. And in an hourlong editorial board visit with Senator Tester Tuesday, it’s refreshing to see an honest, forthright and jovial elected official who’s as open as the expansive Montana prairie. It’s not the first time a delegation member has visited our editorial board, of course, and not the first time Tester has weighed in here on topics from appropriations, to the northern border, to the economy, to war, to life back on the farm.” [<u>Helena Independent Record</u>, Editorial, 9/1/2010]</p> <p>EDITORIAL – Montana’s Advocate for Accountability. [<u>The Missoulian</u>, Editorial, 1/18/2009]</p> <p>EDITORIAL: Tester’s Overall Performance “Has Been Downright Impressive.” In January 2009, the <u>Missoulian</u> editorial board wrote: “If his past performance is any indication, Tester will be a fine addition to the Appropriations Committee. However, even as we congratulate Tester and wish him well in his new duties, we have to note that he hasn't exactly spent the past two years sitting on his hands. In fact, while we might quibble with a few of his decisions, his overall performance on the Veteran's Affairs, Indian Affairs and Banking committees has been downright impressive.” [<u>The Missoulian</u>, Editorial, 1/18/2009]</p>
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