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<p>NARRATOR: Seen Jon Tester’s slick TV ads?</p> <p><i>On-screen text: Jon Tester TV Ad</i></p> <p>NARRATOR: He wears boots, eats burgers. Heh, pretty folksy.</p> <p><i>On-screen text: Boots. Burgers.</i></p>	<p align="center"><b><u>JON TESTER: MONTANA FARMER BRINGING MONTANA VALUES TO THE US SENATE</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b><i>Tester’s “Down-to-Earth, Matter-of-Fact Style Hasn’t Changed a Bit Since He Left Big Sandy for Washington.”</i></b></p> <p><b>EDITORIAL: Straight Talk With Senator Tester.</b> [<a href="#">Montana Standard</a>, Editorial, <a href="#">9/2/2010</a>]</p> <p><b>Tester’s “Down-to-Earth, Matter-of-Fact Style Hasn’t Changed a Bit Since He Left Big Sandy for Washington.”</b> In September 2010, the <i>Montana Standard</i> 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.” [<a href="#">Montana Standard</a>, Editorial, <a href="#">9/2/2010</a>]</p> <p><b><u>Helena Independent Record</u> Praised Tester as “Honest, Forthright and Jovial Elected Official Who’s About as Open as the Expansive Montana Prairie.”</b> In September 2010, the <a href="#">Helena Independent Record</a> 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.” [<a href="#">Helena Independent Record</a>, Editorial, <a href="#">9/1/2010</a>]</p> <p><b><u>Helena Independent Record</u>: Tester “A Bit of an Outsider in an Arena Now Dominated By Career Elected Officials and “Not What You Picture When Envisioning Washington DC.”</b> In September 2010, the <a href="#">Helena Independent Record</a> 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.” [<a href="#">Helena Independent Record</a>, Editorial, <a href="#">9/1/2010</a>]</p>

	<p><b><u>Helena Independent Record: What’s Striking is Tester’s Lack of Agenda.</u></b> In September 2010, the <u>Helena Independent Record</u> 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.” [<u>Helena Independent Record</u>, Editorial, <a href="#">9/1/2010</a>]</p> <p><b><u>New York Times Editorial – Jon Tester, The Well Grounded Senator.</u></b> [<u>New York Times</u>, Editorial, <a href="#">8/10/2010</a>]</p> <p><b><u>New York Times: It’s Good to Know At Least One Senator is Still Firmly Earthbound.</u></b> In August 2010, the <u>New York Times</u> 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 least one senator is still firmly earthbound.” [<u>New York Times</u>, Editorial, <a href="#">8/10/2010</a>]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: But his voting record is a different story.</p> <p><i>On-screen text: Jon Tester</i></p> <p>NARRATOR: Tester supports President Obama just about every time he needs him.</p> <p><i>On-screen text: Congressional Quarterly</i></p> <p><i>On-screen text: Supports Obama:</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>JON TESTER PUTS MONTANA FIRST. ALWAYS.</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>“More Than Willing to Cross Party Lines in Interests of Doing What’s Right for All Montanans.”</i></b></p> <p><b>EDITORIAL:</b> “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, <a href="#">1/18/2009</a>]</p> <p><b>EDITORIAL:</b> 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, <a href="#">1/18/2009</a>]</p> <p><b><u>Helena Independent Record Praised Tester as “Honest, Forthright and Jovial Elected Official Who’s About as Open as the Expansive Montana Prairie.”</u></b> 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, <a href="#">9/1/2010</a>]</p> <p><b>EDITORIAL – Montana’s Advocate for Accountability.</b> [<u>The Missoulian</u>, Editorial, <a href="#">1/18/2009</a>]</p>

	<p><b>EDITORIAL: Tester’s Overall Performance “Has Been Downright Impressive.”</b> 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.” [The <u>Missoulian</u>, Editorial, <a href="#">1/18/2009</a>]</p>
<p>NARRATOR: On the government takeover of healthcare?</p> <p><i>On-screen text: Vote #396, 2009</i></p> <p><i>On-screen text: Gov't takeover of healthcare</i></p> <p>NARRATOR: Tester said yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>POLITIFACT LIE OF THE YEAR:</u></b> <b>GOP CLAIM THAT HEALTH REFORM “A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE” DECLARED FALSE</b></p> <p><b>“Government Takeover of Health Care” Criticized as “LIE OF THE YEAR” by Pulitzer Prize Winning Fact Check Organization.</b> According to Politifact, PolitiFact editors and reporters have chosen "government takeover of health care" as the 2010 Lie of the Year.” [Politifact, <a href="#">12/16/2010</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Politifact: “The Phrase is Simply Not True.”</b> 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, <a href="#">12/16/2010</a>]</li> </ul> <p><b>Health Care Reform Law a “Government Takeover” Declared FALSE.</b> [Politifact, <a href="#">12/13/2010</a>]</p>
<p><i>On-screen text: Vote #229 2010; Vote #262, 2009</i></p> <p>NARRATOR: On two liberal Supreme Court justices?</p> <p><i>On-screen text: Liberal Supreme Court justices</i></p> <p>NARRATOR: Tester said yes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REHBERG SUPPORTS SUPREME COURT DECISION ALLOWING UNLIMITED SECRET MONEY FROM MILLIONAIRES AND CORPORATIONS TO BUY ELECTIONS</b></p> <p><b>Rehberg: “Citizens United Was the Right Decision on Part of the Supreme Court.”</b> During the June 2012 Senate debate in Big Sky, Rehberg said the Supreme Court made the “right decision” on the <i>Citizens United</i> case. DR: I agree with the <i>Citizens United</i> 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 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>

*On-screen text: Tester votes Obama's party line 95 percent of the time.*

*On-screen text: Congressional Quarterly.*

NARRATOR: Tester votes the party line with Obama 95 percent of the time.

But Denny Rehberg is different.

He stands up to Democrats and Republicans to do what's right for Montana.

*On-screen text: Denny Rehberg. The Independent Voice for Montana.*

## ***AFTER 12 YEARS IN WASHINGTON, DENNIS REHBERG HAS FORGOTTEN WHO HE'S WORKING FOR***

### **REHBERG SIDES WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS, NOT MONTANANS**

**Rehberg Has Taken Thirteen Luxury Trips Funded by Outside Groups.** [[RehbergAir.com](http://RehbergAir.com)]

**Rehberg 13 Trips Funded by Private Interests Include Cuba, Las Vegas, Europe.** As reported by the Huffington Post, "Last week, state Democrats noted that Rehberg traveled with defense lobbyists in 2004 [to Kazakhstan](#), where he fell off a horse after drinking vodka with his hosts. Then-Sen. Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) was on the same trip, but spent less than half what Rehberg did. On Monday, Tester's campaign took the attack a step further, launching a website called [RehbergAir](#). The site highlights 13 trips the veteran congressman has taken, funded by private interests, including to Cuba, Las Vegas and Baltimore. The announcement of the site also links to [clips of Rehberg](#) talking about his travel, often as a member of the appropriations subcommittee [on foreign operations](#)." [Huffington Post, [6/5/2012](#)]

### **REHBERG SIDES WITH MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS THAT SHIP AMERICAN JOBS OVERSEAS**

**Rehberg Repeatedly Voted To Protect Tax Loopholes Encouraging Companies To Outsource American Jobs.** In 2010, Rehberg voted against the Small Business Tax Relief Act with offsets placing new limits on the ability of U.S.-based companies to use certain foreign tax credit loopholes to lower their tax liability. Rehberg also voted against cracking down on companies that take advantages of loopholes in the foreign income provisions of the tax code which makes it more profitable for them to outsource jobs. [CQ Today, 7/30/10; HR 5982, Vote 514, [7/30/10](#); Rep. Charlie Rangel, Statement for the Record, [1/26/11](#); CQ Today, 5/28/10; HR 4213, Vote 324, [5/28/10](#); House Ways and Means Committee, HR 4213 Summary, [5/28/10](#)]

**Rehberg Voted to Protect Tax Loopholes for Companies Outsourcing Jobs.** In 2010, Rehberg voted against cracking down on companies that take advantages of loopholes in the foreign income provisions of the tax code which makes it more profitable for them to outsource jobs. The bill would prevent corporations from using current U.S. foreign tax credit rules to subsidize their foreign activities. "It pays for the creation of those jobs [in the bill] by saying that those who outsource those jobs can't get off the hook and have to pay their taxes," said New Jersey Rep. Robert E. Andrews. The bill passed, 215-204. [CQ Today, 5/28/10; HR 4213, [Vote 324](#), 5/28/10]

**Rehberg Allowed Government Contracts with Companies Shipping American Jobs Overseas.** In January 2011,

Rehberg voted against a motion that would not allow government spending on contracts with companies determined to have outsourced American jobs abroad. The motion to recommit required the Rules Committee to report an amendment that would specify that, when the House Budget Committee chairman set a discretionary spending limit for the remainder of fiscal 2011, no spending would be allocated for a contract with a company the Labor secretary determined to have shipped jobs abroad. The motion failed, 184-242. [CQ Today, 1/25/11; HRS 38, [Vote 19](#), 1/25/11]

**Rehberg Signed Americans for Tax Reform Pledge Not to Eliminate Tax Deductions, Including Loopholes for Companies Outsourcing Jobs.** From 2001-2010, Rehberg was listed as a signer of the Americans for Tax Reform's Taxpayer Protection Pledge, stating that Rehberg opposed any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates. [ATR Pledge; Congressional Ratings and Awards, Votes in the Interest of Taxpayers, 107th Congress 1st Session (2001), U.S. House of Representatives, [Americans for Tax Reform](#); Americans for Tax Reform, [6/5/2012](#)]

- **Signers of ATR Pledge Protect Tax Breaks for Companies Outsourcing Jobs Overseas.** According to The Denver Post's "Political Polygraph" series, a Republican candidate's continuing support for the ATR pledge effectively protected tax breaks for companies outsourcing jobs overseas. As reported by the Denver Post, "The pledge Buck made was through Americans for Tax Reform, which circulates a pledge to 'oppose any and all tax increases' for legislators and candidates to sign, and then contacts them when a bill comes up that increases taxes. Ken Buck signed that pledge. In the last year, that organization has opposed legislation to that would eliminate a \$14.45 billion loophole for foreign tax credits and increase government school funding and Medicaid through tax increases. So, yes, essentially, Buck has pledged to vote the ATR line, he's reiterated that support since then, and that would mean he's protecting tax breaks for companies outsourcing jobs overseas." [Denver Post, Political Polygraph, [10/31/10](#)]

**Workers at Montana Oil Refinery Blamed Rehberg For Cutting Corners With Work Safety and Failing To Keep American Jobs From Going Overseas.** On October 21, 2010, the Billings Gazette reported, "An oil refinery meet-and-greet turned turbulent for Rep. Denny Rehberg Wednesday when workers blamed the Republican for cutting corners with federal work safety agencies and failing to keep American jobs from going overseas." [Billings Gazette, 10/21/10]

### **REHBERG SIDES WITH MULTI-MILLIONAIRES AND BILLIONAIRES**

**Rehberg Voted For Tax Breaks For Millionaires Over Funding For Veterans' Health Care.** In May 2006, Rehberg voted against an amendment to the FY 2007 Military Quality of Life/VA/VA Health Care Appropriations bill in the House Appropriations Committee that would provide an additional \$2.6 billion for veterans' health care. That increase would be paid for by reducing the tax benefits for individuals making more than \$1 million per year resulting from the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts by 4.4 percent. The amendment was rejected by a vote of 28-35. [CQ Committee Coverage,

House Appropriations Committee Markup, HR 5385, 5/10/06]

**Rehberg Has Voted For Tax Breaks For Millionaires Over Housing Assistance, Head Start, Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Other Programs Important to Montana.** According to CQ, Rehberg voted for tax breaks for millionaires over funding for public housing, housing assistance, Community Development Block Grants, Head Start, state and local law enforcement, increasing Pell Grants amounts, renewable energy, rural development, medical research, first responders, and border security, among other vital programs. [CQ Committee Coverage, House Appropriations Committee Markups—HR 5576, 6/6/06; HR 3058, 6/21/05; HR 5647, 6/13/06; HR 5384, 5/9/06; HR 5522, 5/17/06]

### **REHBERG SIDES WITH WALL STREET AND CEOs**

**Rehberg Voted to Protect Wall Street Agenda.** In 2010, Rehberg voted against overhauling the regulation of the financial services industry, to protect consumers from practices that could threaten the economy. The bill aimed to strengthen the government's ability to prevent future bailouts by giving the government strong new powers to restrain or dissolve large firms whose failure could threaten the economy. The overhaul measure would create new regulatory mechanisms to deal with the risks posed by very large financial firms, create a new federal agency to oversee consumer financial products, and force banks and other financial institutions to hold more capital to protect against future financial upheaval. The bill would bring the \$600 trillion derivatives market under federal regulation for the first time and give company shareholders and regulators greater say on executive pay packages. The bill passed, 237-192. [CQ Today, 6/30/10; HR 4173, [Vote 413](#), 6/30/10]

**Rehberg Voted Against Bill to Cap Executive Compensation for Bailout Companies.** In 2009, Rehberg voted against a bill to bar any recipient of federal money from the \$700 billion financial industry bailout from paying any compensation that is "unreasonable or excessive," as defined by standards to be set by federal banking regulators. The restrictions would be lifted once a company had repaid the government. This was one of the bills that came from the outrage over AIG bonuses. The bill passed 247-171. [HR 1664, [Vote 182](#), 4/01/09]

**Rehberg Voted Against Cracking Down on CEO "Golden Parachutes."** In 2003, Rehberg voted against an amendment to require that corporate executive pension and stock options be subject to the same rules that apply to their workers' plans and crack down on CEOs who try to cash in with "golden parachutes" before a company goes under. The amendment would have imposed an excise tax on executives who try to leave with lavish pension benefits just as the company is going under. The measure also would have required companies switching to cash-balance plans, which typically favor younger workers, to give employees with at least 10 years of service the option of staying in a traditional pension plan. Finally, the pension reform plan would have removed GOP language allowing company-picked portfolio advisers to tout stocks to employees in which they have a financial interest. The plan was rejected, 193-236. [Congressional Quarterly Weekly, 5/16/03; HR 1000, [Vote 187](#), 5/14/03]

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**REHBERG SIDES WITH SPECIAL INTERESTS...  
AND SUPPORTS THEIR EFFORTS TO BUY REHBERG A SENATE SEAT WITH SECRET OUT-OF-STATE  
MONEY**

**Rehberg Sided With Special Interests Over Transparency in Campaign Finance Reform.** In 2010, Rehberg voted against campaign finance reforms that required transparency and disclosure in campaign spending. The bill would tighten disclosure rules on campaign advertising by corporations, unions and other independent groups and would prohibit corporations that are foreign-controlled or have received government assistance from making expenditures in political campaigns. Democrats argued that the bill would dull the effect of the Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, which determined that corporations have the same free-speech rights as individuals and can spend corporate funds to sway elections. "This legislation restores transparency and accountability and ensures that Americans know when Wall Street and health insurers are the ones behind political advertising," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The legislation would free organizations with 500,000 or more members, have existed for at least 10 years, and meet other criteria from having to identify their top donors. Those groups would still be required to abide by most of the bill's new regulations, but not the disclaimer requirement that requires a "stand by your ad" provision. The bill passed, 219-206. [CQ Today, 6/24/10; HR 5175, [Vote 391](#), 6/24/10]

**Rehberg Won't Support Amendment To Overturn *Citizens United* Decision.** In January 2012, KXLH reported: "Congressman Denny Rehberg won't support the amendment. He says a healthy democracy is made up of many voices. 'I don't think we should deny people their Constitutional right to free speech just because they're part of a corporation instead of a different form of organization like a non-profit, a campaign or a union,' Rehberg says. Rehberg says he believes in transparency. He says all campaign contributions should be posted online within 24 hours." [KXLH, [1/25/12](#)]

**Rehberg Was Endorsed By Citizens United.** In January 2012, the Lee State Bureau reported: "Tester spokesman Aaron Murphy noted that Citizens United, the plaintiff in the federal case, endorsed Rehberg in September 2011." [Lee State Bureau, [1/24/12](#)]

**Rehberg Accepted \$10,000 Contribution From Citizens United.** In January 2012, 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." [Politico, [1/26/12](#)]

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