

JON TESTER

A Fighter for Billings

Jon Tester has relentless fought for Billings during his time in the Senate. Whether it's standing up for veterans, standing up to crime, or working to improve our schools, healthcare and infrastructure, Jon has had the best interests of Billings in mind in the Senate, and will continue to advocate for Billings.

SOME OF JON'S BIG WINS FOR BILLINGS:

Infrastructure

From roads and bridges to rural broadband Jon knows a solid infrastructure is important to Billings, which is why he held the first of his statewide infrastructure listening sessions with local officials and stakeholders in Billings.

Jon has relentlessly defended funding to ensure airlines service rural areas and upgrade airport infrastructure, and successfully secured a grant to bring service between Billings and Dallas.

Jon has also worked throughout his career to enhance investment in rural water infrastructure in the Billings area, introducing legislation to fund construction and upgrade of drinking water infrastructure across Montana and to authorize the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System.

Veterans

Jon secured an expansion of the Billings VA Clinic, a Veterans Business Outreach Center, and Montana's first Supportive Services for Veteran Families grant to help prevent veteran homelessness in Yellowstone, Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater, and Sweetgrass Counties.

And when the VA's failure to pay its bills threatened the operations of the Billings Mental Health Center, which served roughly 300 veterans in Yellowstone and 10 surrounding counties, Jon got them to pay up. And Jon successfully pushed for the designation of the Yellowstone County Veterans Cemetery as a national cemetery, and helped secure funding for the Yellowstone County Veterans Treatment Court.

\$17 million

in PILT funding since 2007.

\$500,000

for area fire departments.

\$125,000

for the Big Horn County Sheriff's Office.

\$13 million

for Billings Logan International Airport since 2014.

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Education

As a former teacher and school board member, Jon knows how important education is at all levels. He has helped secure millions in job training funding to allow MSU-Billings and City College to create a joint nursing degree program. Jon has proudly supported programs at MSU-Billings to ensure low-income, first-generation students have a chance to go to college.

A longtime advocate of early education, Jon has consistently fought to fully fund Head Start programs like those in Billings, Lockwood, and Laurel. And Jon successfully pushed the Obama Administration to approve literacy funding for schools across Montana, including in Hardin.

Agriculture

As a third generation dirt farmer, Jon Tester understands the needs of farmers and ranchers in Billings. He brought his Farm Bill listening tour to Billings in an effort to bring their ideas back with him to Washington.

Jon successfully led the charge to pressure the Department of Agriculture to halt imports of tainted Brazilian beef, and helped push to open Chinese markets to U.S. beef. He also successfully blocked a rule that threatened to end mutually beneficial brewer-rancher relationships, passed a law to modernize livestock auction payments, and has fought to prevent corporate agriculture giants from taking advantage of small farmers and ranchers.

Health Care

Jon has successfully battled to secure long-term funding for Billings-area Community Health Centers like RiverStone Health, Big Horn Valley Health Center, and the Montana Migrant Council giving them the certainty they needed to continue operating.

Jon also fought successfully to extend the Teaching Health Center Program, which provided \$450,000 to allow the Montana Family Residency Program in Billings to train family practice doctors, and voted to support telehealth programs like the Billings Clinic's initiative to help rural primary providers deliver mental health care.

CRIME

Jon has been a relentless advocate for combatting crime and drug addiction in Billings and the surrounding areas.

He held a roundtable with local law enforcement in Billings on drug crime and addiction, and has relentlessly pushed to protect and increase funding to combat drug trafficking nationally and in the Bakken.

Jon is a relentless advocate for our firefighters and first responders as well, successfully passing a law extending critical programs to enhance hiring and get fire departments the gear they need. And when the Columbus Rural Fire Department was having trouble getting funding to purchase new breathing equipment, Jon didn't rest until they got it.

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