

JON TESTER

Fighting for Southwest Montana

Jon Tester has relentlessly fought for Southwest Montana during his time in the Senate. Whether it's working to improve our schools, healthcare, and infrastructure, or standing up for veterans and standing up to crime, Jon has had the best interests of Southwest Montana in mind when he goes to work in the Senate, and will continue to be a strong advocate for Southwest Montana.

JON'S BIG WINS FOR SOUTHWEST MONTANA:

Veterans

Jon has brought ideas from his listening sessions with veterans in Dillon, Butte, and Anaconda back with him to improve the VA. He has never stopped fighting to ensure veterans in Southwest Montana get the care they earned. After years of working hand-in-hand with the community, Jon secured funding to build the Southwest Montana Veterans home in Butte.

Healthcare

Jon has been a champion of clinics like Butte's Southwest Montana Community Health Center, successfully battling to secure long-term funding and give them the certainty they needed to continue operating.

Crime and Fire

Jon has also been a relentless advocate for combating crime and supporting first responders in Southwest Montana. He pushed repeatedly to increase funding to benefit local law enforcement in Butte-Silver Bow. Jon passed a law supporting local fire departments and getting departments like the Deer Lodge Volunteer Fire Department the gear they need.

Infrastructure

Jon is working tirelessly to improve infrastructure in Montana, from roads and bridges to rural broadband. He has relentlessly defended funding to ensure airlines service rural areas and upgrade airport infrastructure, and fought to ensure airlines continued to operate weekly direct flights from Butte to Salt Lake City. Jon has also worked throughout his career to enhance investment in rural water infrastructure in Southwest Montana.

During his time in the Senate, Jon has fought and secured more than \$20 million to help Southwest Montana counties improve roads, bridges, and invest in their schools.

\$350,000

grant for Anaconda-Deer Lodge Head Start program.

\$20 million

in PILT funding since 2007.

\$1 million

in grants for Montana Tech

\$2.8 million

to construct a new terminal at Bert Mooney Airport.

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Agriculture

As a third generation dirt farmer, Jon understands the needs of farmers and ranchers in Southwest Montana.

He repeatedly and successfully fought to fund the National Center for Appropriate Technology's agricultural research in Butte, including the Armed-to-Farm Program to incentivize veteran farmers, and successfully beat back a misguided federal regulation that would have hurt the ability of Southwest Montana brewers and distillers like Philipsburg Brewing to give their spent grain to local farms and ranches.

And when Washington wanted to force Montana ranchers to regulate the amount of cow turds on their ranches, Jon told Washington to cut the crap. He passed legislation to eliminate unnecessary regulations on Montana farms and ranches.

Education

A former teacher and school board member, Jon has fought tirelessly for education at all levels in Southwest Montana.

Last year, Jon brought his Blue Collar Jobs roundtable to Butte to hear more ways to spur good-paying blue collar jobs, and helped secure funds for workforce development at Highlands College, national security research at Montana Tech, and manufacturing development at Butte's Mansfield Advanced Technology Center. Jon's relentless advocacy for apprenticeship programs and the Job Corps have brought good-paying welding jobs to Anaconda and Butte.

A co-chair of the bipartisan TRiO Caucus, Jon has proudly supported programs like those at Montana Tech 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. Not only that, but Jon successfully pushed the Obama Administration to approve literacy funding for schools across Montana, including in Anaconda and Butte.

ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC LANDS & TIMBER

Jon has fought tirelessly to hold the federal government and polluting corporations accountable to the people of Butte. Jon, repeatedly called on the EPA to work with local stakeholders on their cleanup plans. Whether it's the Parrot tailings, the Berkeley Pit, or the Anaconda Smelter, Jon will always defend Montana and hold corporate polluters accountable.

Jon understands the need to balance conservation with a healthy timber economy, which is why he's consistently introduced Made-in-Montana legislation like the Forest Jobs & Recreation Act that strikes a balance between timber harvests and recreational opportunities in the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest.

Jon has also been a longtime champion of fully funding the Land & Water Conservation Fund, which has helped fund recreation and conservation plans in Southwest Montana like the Red Rocks Lake National Wildlife Refuge. And Jon successfully passed legislation to limit skyrocketing fee hikes on cabin owners in the Beaverhead-Deer Lodge National Forest.

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