

JON TESTER

Working with the Crow Tribe

As a member of the Indian Affairs Committee, Jon Tester has relentlessly fought for the Crow Tribe during his time in the Senate. Whether it's working to improve schools, healthcare, and infrastructure, or standing up to crime, Jon has worked closely with the Crow Tribe on a number of important issues, and he will continue to be a strong advocate for Montana's tribes.

WORKING WITH CROW TRIBE, JON:

Secured \$655,000 for the Yellowtail Afterbay Hydro Project
in 2014, which brought in jobs and revenue for the tribe.

Championed the Indian Coal Production Tax Credit,
which supports supports jobs and development of Crow's coal resources.

Helped pass the Crow Water Tribes Settlement Act
in 1999 and 2010 which spurs economic development and improves their infrastructure.

Ensured Crow members received fair market value
for their land and the tribe received greater control of their land through the Land Buy Back program.

Delivered more than \$1 million to Little Big Horn College
for job training services.

Delivered a Striving Readers Program grant
to improve literacy rates for Crow students.

Secured \$300,000 for Crow transportation infrastructure

Secured \$99,990 to Little Big Horn College
for its Crow Oral History Project.

"I am working on issues important to Native American families that will increase self-governance, promote tribal sovereignty, strengthen Indian communities, and ensure the federal government upholds its trust responsibilities. The bottom line is you've got to empower tribes, then things are going to happen."

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Jon has been a leading voice for Indian Country in the 115th Congress and has continuously reminded the new Administration of the federal government's trust and treaty responsibilities to Indian tribes, the nation-to-nation relationship that exists and to conduct meaningful, high level consultation with tribes.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

- Jon is fighting to remove barriers to Tribal Law Enforcement, raising awareness of missing and murdered Native American women.
- Jon is fighting to improve data and information sharing on missing and murdered indigenous women.
- Jon has passed a landmark bill expanding the jurisdictions of tribal courts to prosecute non-Native offenders in domestic violence disputes through the *Violence Against Women Act*.

NATIVE YOUTH

- Jon expanded the AMBER Alert child abduction warning system to reservations.
- Jon is increasing opportunities for Native youth having established a commission to study current programs serving Native children and identify ways to enhance them.
- Jon ensured Native languages are preserved for the next generations, pushing the *Esther Martinez Native American Language Preservation Act* currently in Congress and securing grants to tribes for language immersion in schools in the *Every Student Succeeds Act* that became law in 2016.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Jon boosted economic development in Indian Country by allowing tribes to consolidate and innovate in the delivery of employment and job training initiatives through the *Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Consolidation Act* and *Native Business Incubators Act*.
- Jon supports the Native Community Development Financial Institutions Fund that provides capital to tribal members.

CRIME AND ADDICTION

- Jon's *Tribal Law and Order Act* strengthened tribal law enforcement's ability to keep communities safe.
- Jon secured appropriations for an unprecedented tribal set aside in the Crime Victims Fund to be used for victim resources and support.
- Jon ensured tribes had access to resources to combat the opioid epidemic, resources that are flexible to the unique needs of tribal communities and support culturally relevant methods of treatment.

EDUCATION

- Jon is working to support Native American educators who want to teach in Indian Country.
- Jon stood up to his colleagues and saved resources aimed at improving education for Native American children.
- Jon supports Montana's seven tribal colleges and universities, the most of any state, by advocating for increased resources.

Healthcare

- Jon stood up to the Trump Administration and demanded answers for how their spending proposal would impact care for Native Americans.
- Jon permanently secured and expanded healthcare services for Indian Country.
- Jon is fighting for parity for Urban Indian Health Clinics that serve all tribal members across the state.

HOUSING

- Jon secured housing assistance for Native American veterans and is continuing to work to make that assistance a permanent program.
- Jon secured housing assistance and community development funds for tribal communities and is fighting to reauthorize the *Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act*.

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