

# *A Fighter for Missoula*

*Jon Tester has relentlessly fought for Missoula 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 Missoula in mind when he goes to work in the Senate, and will continue to be a strong advocate for Missoula.*

## **JON'S BIG WINS FOR MISSOULA:**

### **Healthcare**

Jon has been a champion of clinics like the Missoula City-County Health Department and Hamilton's Sapphire Community Health Center, successfully battling to secure long-term funding and give them the certainty they needed to continue operating.

He hosted a healthcare listening session in Missoula and took feedback from Montanans on how to reduce healthcare costs across the state.

### **Education**

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

He helped secure funding for programs at Missoula College and Bitterroot College to strengthen job training and technical education, and recently helped bring a clinical trial testing a medicine to treat PTSD among veterans to the University of Montana. And when Betsy DeVos denied the University of Montana's application to fund a program for low-income and first-generation college students over a formatting error, Jon fought back and got her to restore the funding.

A longtime advocate of early education, Jon has consistently fought to fully fund Head Start programs, and successfully pushed the Obama Administration to approve literacy funding for schools across Montana, including Lone Rock Public Schools in Stevensville.

### **Veterans**

Jon is a relentless fighter for Missoula veterans, and has pushed throughout his career to hold VA Montana accountable and bolster staffing and facilities to ensure our veterans get the care they earned. And after years of pushing, he successfully secured funding to expand the Missoula VA Clinic.

## **Jon is Delivering for Missoula**



### **Protecting the Community**

*Secured resources to combat and help rebuild after wildfires*



### **Investing in Education**

*Has secured millions in funding for the University of Montana*



### **Improving Our Public Transportation**

*Fought for funds to upgrade the Mountain Line and build the Lolo to Missoula bike trail*



### **Taking Care of Our Veterans**

*Secured funding to expand the Missoula VA Clinic*

## **Infrastructure**

Jon is working tirelessly to improve infrastructure in Montana, from roads and bridges to rural broadband to rural water infrastructure. Jon helped secure funding to build the Lolo to Missoula bike trail and to develop a direct flight from Missoula to Texas, and has relentlessly defended funding to upgrade airport infrastructure in Stevensville and Missoula.

During his time in the Senate, Jon has fought and secured more than \$37 million to help local Montana counties improve roads, bridges, and invest in their schools.

## **Environment & Public Lands**

Jon understands we must balance conservation with a healthy timber economy, which is why he introduced made-in-Montana legislation like the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act, which strikes a balance between timber harvests and recreational access to public lands.

Jon hosted a farm bill listening session in Missoula to hear from the folks on the ground about conservation provisions in the Farm Bill. Jon has also been a longtime champion of fully funding the Land & Water Conservation Fund, which has helped fund recreation and conservation projects in Western Montana from Frenchtown Pond to Seeley Lake Community Park.

## **Crime & First Responders**

Jon has also been a relentless advocate for combating crime and supporting first responders in Western Montana. He pushed repeatedly to increase funding for programs that have benefited local law enforcement in Missoula County. He helped pass a law extending critical programs that enhance hiring and help get fire departments the gear they need, like breathing equipment for the Missoula Rural Fire District.

Jon successfully fought back against attempts to eliminate a program that provided firefighting equipment to Granite and Ravalli Counties, and helped Missoula's Neptune Aviation secure a contract with the Forest Service to fight wildfires.

After Montana's record-breaking fire season, Jon successfully passed a wildfire funding fix that will treat wildfires as natural disasters instead of forcing the Forest Service to divert funding from forest management. This will help the Forest Service have the funds to better maintain our trails and forests.

**\$187,000**

for new equipment and training at local fire departments.

**\$37 million**

in PILT funding since 2007.

**\$2.7 million**

to improve the Mountain Line, help purchase electric buses, and upgrade bus stops.

**\$1.78 million**

to fund UM's TRiO/Upward Bound Program over the next five years, after Jon succeeded in reversing the Department of Education's rejection of the program's initial application.

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