

SENATE REFORM FUND – TURNED FACT CHECK

FACT CHECK

- Senate Reform Fund is a dark money group that deliberately organized itself to avoid disclosing its funding for months while it airs attack ads against Jon Tester.
- Jon Tester has had 18 bills signed into law by President Trump and has been recognized as one of the most effective lawmakers in Congress and for working across the aisle to get things done for Montana.
- Jon Tester worked to ensure any final Clean Water Rule worked for Montana farmers and ranchers, and has a track record of beating back onerous Washington regulations on things like cow pies, farm dust, and spent grain. Matt Rosendale is a multimillionaire developer from Maryland who bought a \$2 million trophy ranch, calls himself a rancher but doesn't own any cattle, turned Montana farmland into real estate, and voted for "unanimously pro-developer" legislation that would have hurt Montana farmers.
- Jon Tester, who helped create the Healthy Montana Kids program in Montana, relentlessly fought to secure long-term funding and certainty for the Children's Health Insurance Program and for Montana Community Health Centers – and succeeded. Matt Rosendale, who rubberstamped rate hikes up to 23 percent on Montanans, voted to sustain legislation that would have penalized Montana critical access hospitals and Community Health Centers for using a drug discount program and cut rural access to care, for legislation that would have reduced eligibility for Healthy Montana Kids, and against Montana's Medicaid Plan that has strengthened Community Health Centers.
- Jon Tester has backed tough sanctions against the Iranian regime and its Hizballah allies, and was a leader in strengthening the security of the visa waiver program to prevent terrorists from entering the United States. Matt Rosendale has consistently opposed legislation to keep Montanans safe, from voting to slash funding for the agency that coordinates counterterrorism in Montana, to opposing ending the terror gun loophole, to voting against toughening prosecution of sex criminals.
- Jon Tester, as Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, has been a leader in working with the Trump Administration to secure our borders, and has fought tirelessly throughout his career to put more boots on the ground and deploy technology to secure the Northern and Southern borders. Matt Rosendale was one of 7 Senators to vote against bipartisan legislation to crack down on human trafficking in Montana, and supported the tax plan that adds \$2 trillion to the debt, threatens cuts to Social Security and Medicare, and disproportionately benefits the wealthiest Americans, insurance companies, and corporate executives.

CLAIM

V/O: Jon Tester says he's a Montana moderate.

ONSCREEN: JON TESTER TURNS LIBERAL

V/O: But he turned liberal, voting with Nancy Pelosi for EPA regulations that hurt Montana farmers

ONSCREEN: VOTED FOR EPA RULES THAT HURT MONTANA FARMERS.

SOURCE: ROLL CALL VOTE 296 11/3/15, ROLL CALL VOTE 297 11/4/15,

FACTS

JON TESTER HAD 18 BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HAS BEEN PRAISED FOR WORKING ACROSS THE AISLE TO GET THINGS DONE

HEADLINE: "Tester Named One Of Congress' Most Effective Senators." [Missoula Current, [9/29/17](#)]

Jon Tester's Bill To Designate East Rosebud Creek As Wild And Scenic Was His 18th Bill Signed Into Law By President Trump. [Great Falls Tribune, [8/3/18](#)]

- **2017: Center For Effective Lawmaking Named Jon Tester Among The Most Effective Lawmakers In Congress.** [News Release, Center for Effective Lawmaking, [9/26/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Tester's Bipartisan Efforts Serving Our Veterans." [Editorial, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, [7/14/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Tester Clearheaded On Issues Montanans Care About." [Editorial, Montana Standard, [2/22/18](#)]

Daily Inter Lake Editor Frank Miele: "Sen. Tester Should Be Commended For Finding A Way To Get Things Done That Are Important." [Frank Miele, Daily Inter Lake, [10/28/17](#)]

Missoulian Editorial: "Jon Tester...[Has] Demonstrated A Willingness To Set Politics Aside In Order To Get Things Done For Montana." [Missoulian, Editorial, [11/6/14](#)]

ROLL CALL VOTE 5
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VOTE 45 1/13/16

JON TESTER RELENTLESSLY PUSHED TO ENSURE THE CLEAN WATER RULE WAS FAIR TO MONTANA FARMERS AND RANCHERS

2015: Jon Tester On The Final Waters Of The United States Rule: “For Rural Economies To Thrive, This Rule Needs To Protect Habitat And Our Drinking Water, And It Needs To Be Fair For Agriculture.” [Great Falls Tribune, [5/27/15](#)]

Jon Tester Voted For Clean Water Rule Amendment Stressing The Importance Of Protecting Watersheds And Maintaining Existing Exemptions For Agriculture Under The Clean Water Act. [CQ, [3/25/15](#); S.Amdt. 755 to S.Con.Res. 11, Vote 87, [3/25/15](#); E&E News Daily, [3/26/15](#)]

Bozeman Daily Chronicle: Jon Tester Wrote A Letter “Urging Caution” On Implementing The EPA’s Waters of the United States Rule “When It Comes To The Needs Of Farmers And Ranchers.” [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, [10/25/14](#)]

- **Jon Tester Urged EPA Administrator McCarthy To Ensure “Adequate Privacy Protections” For Farmers And Ranchers Under The Final Waters Of The United States Rule.** [Jon Tester letter to the EPA Administrator McCarthy, Army Secretary McHugh, and USDA Secretary Vilsack, 10/20/14; Bozeman Daily Chronicle, [10/25/14](#)]

JON TESTER, THE ONLY WORKING FARMER IN THE SENATE, HAS BEEN A RELENTLESS ADVOCATE FOR MONTANA AGRICULTURE

HEADLINE: “Senators Standing Up For Farmers And Ranchers.” [Editorial, Williston Herald, [7/22/17](#)]

Jon Tester-Cosponsored Measure To Permanently Eliminate A Regulation Requiring Small Family Farmers And Ranchers To Report Emissions From Animal Waste Was Signed Into Law. [Great Falls Tribune, [3/21/18](#); Cosponsors, S. 2421, Library of Congress, [3/20/18](#); Public Law 115-141, [3/23/18](#)]

- **Montana Stockgrowers Association And Montana Farm Bureau Endorsed “Common Sense” FARM Act For Cutting Burdensome Regulations And Protecting Montana Ranchers.** [Great Falls Tribune, [3/21/18](#); News Release, Montana Farm Bureau, [3/22/18](#)]

Missoulian: Jon Tester Led A Bipartisan Group Of Western Senators Pushing Federal Trade Officials To Confront India’s Imposition Of 50 Percent Tariffs On Pulse Crop Exports. [Missoulian, [11/24/17](#)]

Jon Tester Successfully Pushed The U.S. Department Of Agriculture To Suspend Imports Of Brazilian Beef. [Letter to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, [6/21/17](#); Reuters, [6/22/17](#)]

- **U.S. Cattleman’s Association “Commend[ed]” Jon Tester For Raising Issues With Brazilian Beef And Being “Adamant About The U.S. Cattle Industry’s Concerns With Brazil.”** [High Plains Journal, [7/5/17](#)]

Jon Tester Helped Pressure The Obama Administration To Back Off Proposed Regulation Of Family Farm Grain Storage. [Letter to OSHA Acting Director William Perry, [1/14/14](#); Farm Week Now, [2/17/14](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “OSHA Backs Off Regulations On Small Farms' Grain Storage.”** [Mississippi Business Journal, [2/13/14](#)]

University of Montana Professor: Jon Tester Was A “Hero” To Small Farmers For “Ensuring Folks That Market Locally Won’t Be Saddled In Regulations” In Food Safety Modernization Bill. “ [Missoulian, [1/3/11](#)]

Montana Standard: Obama Administration FDA Killed “Onerous” Spent Grain Regulations On Brewers And Ranchers After Jon Tester “Demand[ed] That The Agency Drop The Proposal.” [Montana Standard, [10/1/14](#)]

Billings Gazette: EPA Released New Clean Air Regulations With No Mention Of Farm Dust After “Jon Tester...Pressed EPA To Leave Farm Dust Alone.” [Billings Gazette, [12/15/12](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE IS A MULTIMILLIONAIRE DEVELOPER WHO BOUGHT A \$2 MILLION TROPHY RANCH AND TURNED FARMLAND INTO REAL ESTATE

MTN News: “Matt Rosendale: The State Auditor And Real-Estate Manager From Glendive Reported Assets Valued From \$7 Million To \$32 Million.” [MTN News, [2/15/18](#)]

- August 2002: Matt Rosendale Purchased A Working Ranch At Auction For \$2.175 Million In Glendive. [Glendive Ranger-Review, 8/22/02]

Great Falls Tribune: Matt Rosendale Planned “A Large Residential Development On 300 Acres He Bought” In Great Falls That Was Previously Farmland. [Great Falls Tribune, [3/10/04](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE REPEATEDLY BACKED PRO-DEVELOPER MEASURES THAT WOULD HURT AGRICULTURE IN MONTANA

PolitiFact: Matt Rosendale Supported Legislation “Unanimously Characterized...As Pro-Developer” That “Would Have Hurt Some Farmers” In Montana. [PolitiFact, [8/9/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Endorses Pro-Development Rewrite Of Subdivision Laws.” [Billings Gazette, [2/22/11](#)]

2011: Matt Rosendale Voted For And Spoke In Support Of A “Pro-Developer” Change To Montana Subdivision Review Laws That Would Restrict How Planners Could Consider A Development’s Impacts On Agriculture Or Future Land Use. [Vote 1516, HB 542, [4/2/11](#); Billings Gazette, [2/22/11](#)]

- **Billings Gazette:** “Opponents...Said HB542 Is A ‘Fundamental Change’ In State Law, Which Is Meant To Protect And Preserve Agricultural Land In The Face Of Urban And Suburban Development.” [Billings Gazette, [2/22/11](#)]

HEADLINE: “SB 147 A Strike Against Montana Agriculture.” [David Tyler, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, [4/22/13](#)]

2013: Associated Press: Matt Rosendale Voted For Measure That “Would Have Restricted Local Governments’ Authority To Review A Subdivision’s Effect On Agricultural Operations.” [Vote 249, SB 147, [2/1/13](#); Associated Press, [4/23/13](#)]

- **Bozeman Daily Chronicle:** “Developers And Real Estate Groups Favor SB 147 Because It Would Reduce The Hurdles For Subdivision Approval.” [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, [3/16/13](#); Montana Realtor’s Digest 2013, published [7/20/14](#)]

V/O: Turned liberal with Bernie Sanders, voting to put illegal aliens over sick kids in Montana.

ONSCREEN: PUT ILLEGAL ALIENS AHEAD OF CHILDREN'S

JON TESTER HELPED CREATE THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM IN MONTANA AND PUSHED TO FULLY FUND IT

1999: Jon Tester Cosponsored Legislation Creating The Montana Healthy Kids Program. [Associated Press, 5/7/99; Montana Senate Journal, [1/6/99](#)]

HEADLINE: “Tester Wants CHIP, Health Centers Funded.” [Havre Daily News, [12/14/17](#)]

Jon Tester Cosponsored Bipartisan Legislation To Provide Funding For The Children’s Health Insurance Program For Five Years. [Cosponsors, S. 1827, Library of Congress, [9/25/17](#); New York Times, [10/4/17](#)]

HEALTH
INSURANCE.

SOURCE: ROLL
CALL VOTE 14
1/20/18, ROLL CALL
VOTE 17 1/22/18

- **Jon Tester: “Unacceptable” To Allow CHIP To Run Out Of Money And Jeopardize Health Coverage For Nearly 24,000 Montana Children.** [Great Falls Tribune, [11/17/17](#)]

Jon Tester Voted To Lengthen Full Funding For The Children’s Health Insurance Program From Six Years To Ten Years. [Vote 31, H.R. 1892, [2/9/18](#); Vox, [2/7/18](#)]

JON TESTER VOTED AGAINST YET ANOTHER BANDAID BUDGET THAT DIDN’T FUND MONTANA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS...

Jon Tester: “I’ve Also Opposed A Bad Short-Term Budget That Didn’t Include Community Health Care Funding.” [Helena Independent Record, [2/7/18](#)]

- **Politico: “Tester Is Fixated On Helping The Community Health Centers, Whose Funding Expired In September.”** [Politico, [1/25/18](#)]

Montana Community Health Centers Served More Than 100,000 Montanans – Including Nearly 5,000 Veterans – And Pumped Tens Of Millions Of Dollars Into Their Local Economies. [Montana Health Center Fact Sheet – National Association of Community Health Centers, [2016](#); Montana Medicaid Expansion & Community Health Centers, Montana Primary Care Association, [2/18/15](#)]

- **Bullhook Community Health Center (Havre) CEO Cindy Smith: “The Uncertainty In Funding Is Really Hard For Our 70 Employees And 5,000 Patients That Really Look To Us For Health Care.”** [Helena Independent Record, [2/7/18](#)]
- **KTVH: “[PureView Health Center Director Jill] Steeley Said Any Uncertainty Over This Money Will Make It Difficult For Health Centers To Plan For The Future.”** [KTVH, [1/26/18](#)]
- **Montana Primary Care Association CEO Cindy Stergar: “These Week-To-Week Budgets...Could Lead To Shutting Down And Limiting Services At Montana’s Community Health Centers. Lives Are At Risk.”** [Cindy Stergar, Great Falls Tribune, [1/21/18](#)]
- **Montana Nurses Association’s Vicky Byrd: “I Know The Importance Of Our Community Health Centers...Without Funding, These Centers Would Lose Their Workforce And Could Force Closures, At The Expense Of Montanans.”** [Vicky Byrd, Billings Gazette, [1/28/18](#)]

...AND WORKED ACROSS THE AISLE TO SECURE LONGER-TERM FUNDING FOR MONTANA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

HEADLINE: “Tester Say Senate Budget Deal Funds Montana’s Community Health Centers.” [Helena Independent Record, [2/7/18](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE RUBBERSTAMPED PREMIUM INCREASES ON MONTANA FAMILIES AND VOTED AGAINST CHILDREN’S HEALTH AND RURAL HEALTH CARE

ROSENDALE RUBBERSTAMPED RATE HIKES UP TO 23 PERCENT ON MONTANANS

Matt Rosendale Did Not Find Any Rate Submitted By Montana Insurers “Unreasonable” During His Review Process, And Approved Average Rate Increases Up To More Than 20 Percent On Montanans. [News Release, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, [10/19/17](#); [2017 News Release Archive, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, accessed 3/21/18](#)]

- **Matt Rosendale Approved Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Average 22.3 Percent Rate Hike, With Requested Increases Ranging From 10.4 Percent To 32.9 Percent.** [News Release, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, [10/19/17](#); Part II: Justification for Proposed Rate Increase, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, effective [1/1/18](#)]

- **Matt Rosendale Approved Montana Health Co-Op's Average 16.6 Percent Rate Hike, With Requested Increases Ranging Up To 25 Percent.** [News Release, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, [10/19/17](#); Part II: Justification for Proposed Rate Increase, Montana Health Co-Op, effective [1/1/18](#)]
- **Matt Rosendale Approved PacificSource's Average 13.1 Percent Rate Hike, With Requested Increases Ranging Up To 81 Percent.** [News Release, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, [10/19/17](#); Part II: Justification for Proposed Rate Increase, PacificSource, effective [1/1/18](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE VOTED TO MAKE IT EASIER TO RESTRICT HEALTHY MONTANA KIDS' ELIGIBILITY, EXPECTED TO CUT FUTURE ENROLLMENT BY 3,000

Great Falls Tribune: Matt Rosendale Voted For A Measure That Would Have "Paved The Way For Future Cutbacks To The Healthy Montana Kids Program" By Making It Easier To Remove "Presumptive Eligibility" That Gave Montana Children Access To Health Care While They Were Evaluated For Permanent Coverage. [Great Falls Tribune, 5/10/11; Vote 1288, HB 633, [3/29/11](#)]

- **Montana Department Of Public Health And Human Services: "HB 633 Would Make Presumptive Eligibility For [Healthy Montana Kids] Discretionary And With The Funding Now Available, This Will Reduce Access To The Program."** [Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 633 – Jane Smilie, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, [4/2/11](#)]
- **Billings Gazette: Proposed Elimination Of "Presumptive Eligibility" For Healthy Montana Kids, Designed To Sign Up More Kids More Quickly, Was "Expected To Reduce Future Increases To The Rolls By As Many As 3,000 Kids."** [Billings Gazette, [3/26/11](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE VOTED TO SUSTAIN BILL TO PUNISH RURAL HEALTH CENTERS AND CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS FOR USING A DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Matt Rosendale Voted Against Tabling SB407, Which Would Revoke Tax-Exempt Status And Fine Safety Net Health Care Providers Like Community Health Centers And Critical Access Hospitals That Used The Federal 340B Drug Discount Program. [Hearing, Senate Finance and Claims Committee, [3/27/15](#); Western News, [3/27/15](#)]

- **The Western News: "The Program In Question, Known As 340B, Allows Community Health Centers, Critical Access Hospitals And Other So-Called Safety Net Healthcare Providers The Opportunity To Purchase Pharmaceuticals At A Steeply Discounted Rate And Pass Those Savings On To Their Patients Based Upon Their Ability To Pay."** [Western News, [3/27/15](#)]
- **37 Hospitals And Community Health Centers Across Montana Utilized The Federal 340B Program.** [Senate Taxation Committee, Exhibit 10, [3/24/15](#); Senate Taxation Committee, Hearing, SB407, [3/24/15](#)]

Northwest Community Health Center Executive Director Maria Clemons: "The Proposed Legislation...Would Eliminate Access To Drugs For A Lot Of Uninsured Patients." [Western News, [3/27/15](#)]

- **Southwest Montana Community Health Center CFO Dan Foley: SB407 Would Lead To The Center Increasing Its Dispensing Fees, Which Would "Only Hurt Our Patients, Particularly The Most Vulnerable, Who We Are Here To Serve."** [Senate Committee on Taxation, Hearing, SB407, [3/24/15](#)] (VIDEO) 00:45:31

MATT ROSENDALE OPPOSED MONTANA'S MEDICAID PLAN, WHICH HAS STRENGTHENED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND DRUG TREATMENT

HEADLINE: "Medicaid Expansion 'Critical' to Montana Drug Court Success, Judge Says." [MTPR, [11/7/17](#)]

	<p>Matt Rosendale Voted Against Bipartisan Bill To Expand Medicaid In Montana, Which Strengthened Montana’s Community Health Centers. [Helena Independent Record, 4/9/15; Vote 1644, SB 405, 4/18/15; Montana Medicaid Expansion & Community Health Centers, Montana Primary Care Association, 2/18/15]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>MTPR</u>: District Court Judge Greg Pinski, Who Runs Drug Treatment Courts For Veterans, Called Medicaid Expansion “Absolutely Critical.” [MTPR, 11/7/17]
<p>V/O: Turned liberal on Obama's Iran deal, making billions available for terrorism.</p> <p>ONSCREEN: MADE BILLIONS AVAILABLE TO IRAN TO FUND TERRORISM.</p> <p>SOURCE: TESTER PRESS RELEASE 8/15/15</p>	<p><u>JON TESTER HAS REPEATEDLY BACKED TOUGH SANCTIONS TO DETER IRANIAN NUCLEAR AMBITIONS AND ITS SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST GROUPS</u></p> <p>Jon Tester Voted For The Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act Signed Into Law By President Trump, Which Included Iran Sanctions Measures From The Countering Iran’s Destabilizing Activities Act. [Public Law 115-44, 8/2/17; H.R. 3364, White House, accessed 10/11/17; Vote 175, H.R. 3364, 7/27/17; Buckley Sandler, 8/4/17]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countering Iran’s Destabilizing Activities Act Imposed Sanctions On Any Foreign Person Or Entity That Did Business With Any Entity Already Designated To Have A Connection To Iran’s Ballistic Missile Program. [Cosponsors, S. 722, Library of Congress, 6/15/17] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Foundation For Defense Of Democracies CEO Mark Dubowitz: "It's A Much More Powerful Sanctions Measure Than Merely Just Designating Iranian Entities That Are Involved In Missile Development." [CBS News, 6/15/17] <p>HEADLINE: “Senate Passes Bill Leveling Sanctions Against Hezbollah.” [Jewish Journal, 10/9/17]</p> <p>Jon Tester Cosponsored Measure Leveling Economic Sanctions Toward Foreign Nationals And Entities That Provided “Significant Financial, Material Or Technological Support To Entities Known To Fundraise Or Recruit On Behalf Of” Iranian-Backed Terrorist Organization Hezbollah. [Cosponsors, S. 1595, Library of Congress, 7/20/17]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressional Research Service: Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act Would Impose Additional Sanctions On Hezbollah For Narcotics Trafficking And Significant Transnational Criminal Activities. [Congressional Research Service, 9/20/17] <p>2016: Jon Tester Voted And Cosponsored Measure To Extend The Iran Sanctions Act For 10 Years, Authorizing Sanctions Against Foreign Companies That Invested In The Development Of Iran’s Oil And Gas Industry. [CQ, 12/1/16; H.R. 6297, Vote 155, 12/1/16; Cosponsors, S. 3281, Library of Congress, 11/17/16]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>CNN</u>: Senate Passed A 10-Year Extension Of The President’s Ability To Impose “Tough Economic Sanctions Against Iran” That Targeted “Iran’s Energy, Military, And Banking Sectors” In Order To Establish “How Serious Congress Is That The Islamic State Not Try Again To Develop Nuclear Weapons.” [CNN, 12/1/16] <p><u>JON TESTER LED THE FIGHT TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF THE VISA WAIVER PROGRAM, TO PREVENT TERRORISTS FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY</u></p> <p>Jon Tester Was An Original Cosponsor Of The Visa Waiver Program Security Enhancement Act, A Measure Designed To “Plug Security Gaps And Prevent Terrorists From Entering The Country,” “Key Sections” Of Which Were Signed Into Law. [PolitiFact, 10/27/16; S. 2337, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, 12/1/15]</p> <p><u>MATT ROSENDALE HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED MEASURES TO KEEP MONTANANS SAFE</u></p>

MATT ROSENDALE VOTED TO SLASH FUNDING FOR THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, WHICH OVERSAW MONTANA ANTI-TERRORISM EFFORTS

Matt Rosendale Voted To Slash Funding For The Montana Division Of Criminal Investigation Up To Nearly \$3 Million.

- **2011: Matt Rosendale Voted To Cut Funding For The Division Of Criminal Investigation By \$1,063,417 Over Two Years.** [Vote 920, HB 2, [3/11/11](#); [Text Amendment 085 to HB 2, 3/11/11](#)]
- **2011: Matt Rosendale Voted To Cut Funding For The Division Of Criminal Investigation By \$2,925,870 Over Two Years.** [Vote 920, HB 2, [3/11/11](#); [Text Amendment 092 to HB 2, 3/11/11](#)]

Great Falls Tribune: Division Of Criminal Investigation Administered The Montana All Threat Intelligence Center, A Fusion Center Designed To “Track Down Suspected Criminals And Prevent Terrorism.” [Great Falls Tribune, [12/26/07](#)]

- **Montana Department of Justice’s Division of Criminal Investigation Had “The Primary Responsibility For The Operation Of” The Montana All Threat Intelligence Center.** [Montana All Threat Intelligence Center Policies and Procedures, [9/23/08](#)]
- **Montana Division Of Criminal Investigation’s Investigative Support Bureau Operated The Montana All Threat Intelligence Center And Addressed Homeland Security Issues.** [Division of Criminal Investigation, Montana Department of Justice, Judicial Subcommittee, Joint Appropriations Committee, [1/28/13](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE OPPOSED EFFORTS TO INCREASE GUN SAFETY LIKE CLOSING THE TERROR GUN LOOPHOLE AFTER THE SAN BERNARDINO ATTACKS

December 2015: Matt Rosendale Slammed Efforts To Increase Gun Safety After The San Bernardino Attacks Like Closing The Terror Gun Loophole As “Divisive Politics.” [Matt Rosendale, Billings Gazette, [12/8/15](#); NPR, [12/9/15](#)]

- **2015: PolitiFact: “Mostly True” That 91 Percent Of Suspected Terrorists On The FBI Terror Watch List Who Attempted To Buy Guns Were Able To Do So.** [PolitiFact, [12/29/15](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE VOTED AGAINST MEASURE TO AUTHORIZE A PERMANENT SEXUAL ASSAULT PROSECUTION UNIT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Matt Rosendale Was One Of 9 Senators To Vote Against Legislation To Establish A Special Prosecution Unit Within The Montana Attorney General’s Office To Handle Sexual Assault Cases. [Vote 367, HB 75, [2/9/15](#); Great Falls Tribune, [2/20/15](#)]

- **Tim Fox: Legislation Creating A Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit “Ensures That Sexual Assault Prosecutions And Training Are Always A Priority For The Montana Department Of Justice, No Matter Who Sits In The Attorney General’s Office.”** [Tim Fox, Havre Daily News, [3/2/15](#)]
- **Tim Fox: Creation Of A Permanent Sexual Assault Prosecution Unit Would “Help Us Dedicate Resources To Train Prosecutors And Law Enforcement Throughout The State To Better Deal With Sex Crimes.”** [Tim Fox, Bozeman Daily Chronicle, [5/13/15](#)]

V/O: And turned against Donald Trump on tax cuts and immigration reform.

ONSCREEN: VOTED AGAINST TAX CUTS

JON TESTER HAS BEEN A LEADER IN EFFORTS TO WORK WITH THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO STRENGTHEN OUR BORDER SECURITY

HEADLINE: “Tester Joins Bipartisan Group Working On Border Security Deal.” [MTPR, [1/24/18](#)]

AND IMMIGRATION REFORM.

SOURCE: ROLL CALL VOTE 303 12/2/17, ROLL CALL VOTE 36 2/15/18

VOICE: Jon Tester: a Washington liberal who turned against Montana.

ONSCREEN: JON TESTER IS A WASHINGTON LIBERAL. THE END. #DEFEATTESTER

CNN: Jon Tester “Was One Of A Handful” Of Senators To Meet With Trump Administration Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen On Immigration Reform Negotiations. [CNN, [1/23/18](#)]

- **Jon Tester Worked With Colleagues And The Department Of Homeland Security To Push Bipartisan Border Security Plan That Included Hiring Hundreds Of New Border Patrol Agents And Investing In New Technologies To Secure The Border.** [MTPR, [1/24/18](#)]
- **MTN News: “Jon Tester...Noted That He And Trump Agree That Borders Must Be Strengthened To Keep Out Drugs And Law Breakers.”** [MTN News, [1/9/18](#)]

JON TESTER HAS FOUGHT TIRELESSLY THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER TO ADD MORE AGENTS TO THE BORDERS, AND INVEST IN TECHNOLOGY TO SECURE THEM

HEADLINE: “Tester Wants More Border Personnel.” [Daily Inter Lake, [1/19/18](#)]

Jon Tester Cosponsored The Border And Port Security Act To Hire, Train, And Assign At Least 500 Customs And Border Protection Officers To Ports Of Entry Annually Until 3,600 Understaffed Positions Were Filled. [Daily Inter Lake, [1/19/18](#); Cosponsors, S. 2314, Library of Congress, [1/17/18](#)]

- **National Treasury Employees Union President: “For All The Talk About Improving Border Security And Backing Federal Law Enforcement, This Bill Actually Delivers It.”** [Government Executive, [1/18/18](#)]

Jon Tester Voted For The Boots On The Border Act, Which Would “Add More Border Patrol Agents In A Quicker Manner” And “Help President Donald Trump Fulfill His Executive Orders On Immigration Enforcement And Border Security.” [CQ, [5/17/17](#); Arizona Republic, [3/8/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Tester, McCain Team Up On New Border Patrol Pay Plan.” [Havre Daily News, [11/15/13](#)]

Jon Tester’s Bipartisan, Border Patrol-Endorsed Border Patrol Pay Reform Act Was Signed Into Law. [S. 1691, [11/13/13](#); Public Law 113-277, [12/18/14](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Border Patrol Wage Reform Would Add 1,500 Agents to Deal With Immigrant Surge.”** [ABC News, [6/9/14](#)]

Jon Tester Voted For A Bipartisan “Border Surge” Amendment To Provide Billions To Hire Nearly 20,000 Border Agents, Build 700 Miles Of Border Fencing, And Utilize Drone And Camera Technology On The Border. [Vote 163, S.Amdt. 1183 to S. 744, [6/26/13](#); CQ, [6/26/13](#)]

Jon Tester Supported Efforts To Strengthen Border Security That Led To Funding Of 1,000 More Border Patrol Agents. [CQ, [7/22/10](#); Vote 219, H.R. 4899, [7/22/10](#); Arizona Daily Star, [7/24/10](#); Letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, [6/28/10](#); St. Louis Post-Dispatch, [8/6/10](#)]

- **Jon Tester Slammed Proposed Spending Plan That “Effectively Nullifie[d]” The \$600 Million Emergency Border Security Bill That Increased The Size Of The Border Patrol By 1,000 Agents And Would “Again Leave Our Agents Understaffed.”** [Government Video, [2/28/11](#)]

Jon Tester Backed And Voted For A Law To Hire 3,000 New Border Patrol Agents And Invest \$1 Billion In Border Technology. [Letter to Sen. Harry Reid and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, 12/13/07; Cosponsors, S. Amdt. 3117 to H.R. 3222, Library of Congress, [10/3/07](#); Vote 441, H.R. 2764, [12/18/07](#); Homeland Security Department: FY2008 Appropriations, Congressional Research Service, [2/15/08](#)]

- **CQ: “The Law Includes \$9.4 Billion For Custom And Border Protection, Which Would Include An Additional 3,000 Border Patrol Agents.”** [CQ, 1/18/08]

Jon Tester Successfully Pushed To Deploy Military-Grade Radar To Strengthen Northern Border Security. [Associated Press, [2/10/11](#); Letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, [2/10/11](#); KRTV, 3/13/11]

MATT ROSENDALE WAS ONE OF 7 SENATORS TO VOTE AGAINST BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION CRACKING DOWN ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN MONTANA

HEADLINE: “Legislation To Combat Sex Trafficking Is Vital For Montana.” [Editorial, Helena Independent Record, [4/15/15](#)]

HEADLINE: “Sex Trafficking Bills Aim To Protect Montana Children.” [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, [2/2/15](#)]

Matt Rosendale Was One Of Only 7 Senators To Vote Against Strengthening Montana’s Human Trafficking Laws By Allowing Victims An Affirmative Defense, Deeming A Victim’s Past Sexual Behavior Generally Inadmissible, And Requiring Perpetrators Register As Sex Offenders. [Vote 1627, HB 89, [4/17/15](#); Missoulian, [5/9/15](#)]

- **Billings Gazette Editorial Called Out Matt Rosendale As One Of Seven Senators To Vote Against Anti-Trafficking Legislation Because “Voters Ought To Know [His] Record On This Disturbing Issue.”** [Editorial, Billings Gazette, [7/30/18](#)]

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TAX PLAN WILL ADD OVER \$1.5 TRILLION TO THE DEBT, THREATENS CUTS TO MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY, AND ENRICHES CORPORATE EXECUTIVES

REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN WILL ADD OVER \$1.5 TRILLION TO OUR NATIONAL DEBT

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