

**JON TESTER**

# **Working with the Fort Peck Tribes**

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

## **WORKING WITH FORT PECK, JON HAS:**

### **Ensured Fort Peck members received fair market value**

*for their land and the tribe received greater control of their land through the Land Buy Back program.*

### **Is championing the Fort Peck/Dry Prairie water project**

*by securing tens of millions of dollars for completion of water infrastructure, including drinking water.*

### **Introduced the Tribal Youth & Community Protection Act**

*to expand the Tribe's ability to combat drug-related offenses and crimes against children.*

### **Delivered \$1.5 million to Fort Peck Community College**

*to support job training.*

### **Continued to ensure the Fort Peck Tribes are consulted**

*by the Army Corps, BLM and TransCanada on any development in the Keystone XL Pipeline.*

### **Secured \$1 million for the Fort Peck Housing Authority**

*to upgrade and expand affordable housing units across the Fort Peck Reservation.*

***"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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