

CLUB FOR GROWTH – “TWINS” FACT CHECK

OVERVIEW

- Jon Tester has tirelessly worked to make health care more affordable and accessible for Montanans – he’s worked to give small businesses more flexibility to pay for employee health costs and eliminating burdensome small business reporting requirements and routinely supported legislation to protect access to preventive health care, increase rural medical residencies, permanently fund and expand cost-sharing reduction payments, and ensure that Montana would be eligible for the same federal funding as other states that expanded Medicaid.
- Matt Rosendale supported repealing the Affordable Care Act in its entirety, which benefited tens of thousands of Montanans including seniors, Native Americans, and individuals with pre-existing conditions; opposed Montana’s Medicaid program, which covered 96,000 Montanans while saving the state \$36 million and shoring up community health centers and rural hospitals; pushed short-term insurance and Medi-Share policies in Montana, which are not required to cover pre-existing conditions; and rubber-stamped average health insurance rate increases of up to 23%.
- Matt Rosendale is a multimillionaire real estate developer from the East Coast who moved to Montana to start his political career after buying a \$2 million trophy ranch that he doesn’t even ranch himself; Rosendale began his campaign with a “pants on fire” lie about Jon Tester, and his campaign continues to be propped up by out-of-state dark money spending millions on ads lying about Jon Tester’s record.
- Jon Tester, the only active farmer in the Senate, still farms the land homesteaded by his family more than 100 years ago, and has fought tirelessly to crack down on perks for Members of Congress, from fighting to eliminate automatic pay raises to passing laws banning gifts from lobbyists, insider trading by Congress, and taxpayer-funded oil paintings for Members of Congress.

CLAIM

FACTS

V/O: In Montana, people expect you to tell the truth.

O/S: IN MONTANA PEOPLE EXPECT YOU TO TELL THE TRUTH.

V/O: But Barack Obama didn't.

OBAMA: If you like you'll plan, you'll be able to keep it.

O/S: OBAMA: "IF YOU LIKE YOUR PLAN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP IT."

V/O: Neither did Jon Tester.

TESTER: Well let me be clear, if you like your plan, you get to keep it.

O/S: TESTER: "IF YOU LIKE YOUR PLAN, YOU GET TO KEEP IT."

JON TESTER HAS TIRELESSLY WORKED TO MAKE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR MONTANANS

JON TESTER COSPONSORED BIPARTISAN BILL TO IMPROVE THE ACA BY PROVIDING SMALL BUSINESSES MORE FLEXIBILITY TO PAY FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COSTS

HEADLINE: “Tester Bill Empowers Small Businesses To Reimburse Employees’ Health Care Costs.” [Sidney Herald, [12/20/15](#); Office of Sen. Jon Tester, Press Release, 12/20/15]

Jon Tester Cosponsored The Bipartisan Small Business Health Care Relief Act, Designed To Improve On The Affordable Care Act By Allowing Small Businesses To Create Health Reimbursement Accounts To Help Their Employees Pay For Health Care Costs. “U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., is looking to give small businesses the power to create Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRAs) to help their employees pay for health care costs. Standalone HRAs are not currently permitted because they do not meet the Affordable Care Act’s standards for employer-sponsored health insurance plans. Under current law, businesses would be penalized for trying to provide an HRA if they don’t also offer health insurance, even if the business has fewer than 50 employees and is not required to provide insurance otherwise. More than 95 percent of Montana businesses have fewer than 50 employees. To fix this, Tester is sponsoring the bipartisan Small Business Healthcare Relief Act which will improve upon the Affordable Care Act by allowing small businesses to provide HRAs for their employees.” [Sidney Herald, [12/20/15](#); Office of Sen. Jon Tester, Press Release, 12/20/15; S. 1697, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [12/15/15](#)]

Jon Tester: “As We Work To Improve Upon The Affordable Care Act, We Must Reduce The Burden On Small Businesses That Want To Provide Benefits To Their Employees.” [Sidney Herald, [12/20/15](#)]

V/O: Tester voted for Obamacare. 9 times, he's voted against repealing it.

O/S: JON TESTER VOTED FOR OBAMACARE. NINE TIMES HE'S VOTED AGAINST REPEALING IT.

SOURCE: Senate Roll Call No. 396 (2009)

Senate Roll Call Nos. 9 (2011), 46, 51, 69 (2013); 171, 253, 329 (2015); 169, 179 (2017)

V/O: And 26,000 people here in Montana have had their health plans cancelled.

O/S: 26,000 IN MONTANA HAD THEIR HEALTH PLANS CANCELLED.

SOURCE: Helena Independent Record, 11/15/2013

TESTER: Well let me be clear, if you like your plan, you get to keep it.

O/S: "IF YOU LIKE YOUR PLAN, YOU GET TO KEEP IT."

JON TESTER COSPONSORED AND VOTED FOR MULTIPLE MEASURES TO REPEAL THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S BURDENSOME 1099 REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Billings Gazette Editorial: "[Tester] Voted To Remove An Income-Reporting Provision Of The ACA That Threatened To Burden Businesses With Paperwork, And He Believes That The Law Needs More Revising." [Editorial, Billings Gazette, [10/21/12](#)]

- **Jon Tester Was An Original Cosponsor Of The Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act, Which Would Repeal The Affordable Care Act's 1099 Reporting Provision Paid For By Rescinding \$39 Billion In Unobligated Federal Funds.** [Cosponsors, S. 18, Congress.Gov, [1/25/11](#)]
- **Jon Tester Voted 5 Times To Repeal The Affordable Care Act's 1099 Reporting Requirement For Small Businesses.** [CQ, [4/5/11](#); Vote 49, H.R. 4, [4/5/11](#); CQ, [2/2/11](#); Vote 8, S.Amdt. 9 to S. 223, [2/2/11](#); CQ, [2/2/11](#); Vote 7, S.Amdt. 28 to S. 223, [2/2/11](#); CQ, [11/29/10](#); Vote 253, S.Amdt. 4702 to S. 510, [11/29/10](#); CQ, [11/29/10](#); Vote 254, S.Amdt. 4713 to S.Amdt. 4715 to S. 510, [11/29/10](#)]

JON TESTER HAS INTRODUCED MULTIPLE BILLS TO MAKE HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO MONTANANS

Jon Tester Cosponsored The Addressing Affordability For More Americans Act. On July 13, 2017, Jon Tester cosponsored S. 1529, the Addressing Affordability for More Americans Act of 2017. [S. 1529, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [7/13/17](#)]

- **Missoula Current: "The Addressing Affordability For More Americans Act Would Provide Premium Tax Credits To Working Montanans Who Make Too Much Money To Qualify For Existing Tax Credits, But Still Can't Afford Health Insurance."** [Missoula Current, [7/19/17](#)]

Jon Tester Was An Original Cosponsor Of The Save Women's Preventive Care Act. On May 4, 2017, Jon Tester cosponsored S. 1045, the Save Women's Preventive Care Act. [S. 1045, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [5/4/17](#)]

- **Save Women's Preventive Care Act Aimed To Protect Access To No-Cost Preventive Health Care Women Enjoyed Under The Affordable Care Act, Including The Full Range Of Birth Control Methods.** [Planned Parenthood, Press Release, [5/4/17](#)]

HEADLINE: "Tester Bill Would Allow Medical Residents To Work In Rural Hospitals." [Billings Gazette, [6/8/16](#)]

2016-2017: Jon Tester Twice Introduced The Restoring Rural Residencies Act, Which Would Require The Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services To Reimburse Medical Residency Training Programs For Education Costs Associated With Rural Critical Access Hospitals. On February 27, 2017, Jon Tester introduced S. 455, the Restoring Rural Residencies Act of 2017. On June 8, 2016, Jon Tester introduced S. 3030, the Restoring Rural Residencies Act of 2016, 'This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to reimburse medical residency training programs under Medicare for certain graduate medical education costs associated with resident time spent in rural community hospitals known as 'critical access hospitals.'" [S. 455, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [2/27/17](#); S. 3030, Sponsor, Library of Congress, [6/8/16](#)]

- **Billings Gazette: Jon Tester's Restoring Rural Residencies Act "Would Make It Easier For Physicians In Medical Residency Programs To Train And Work In Rural Communities."** [Billings Gazette, [6/8/16](#)]

Jon Tester Cosponsored The Marketplace Certainty Act. On July 12, 2017, Jon Tester cosponsored S. 1462, the Marketplace Certainty Act. [S. 1462, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [7/12/17](#)]

- **WCAV: “The Marketplace Certainty Act Would Permanently Appropriate Cost-Sharing Reductions Included In The Affordable Care Act And Make Such Reductions Available To More Americans.”** [WCAV, [6/30/17](#)]

2016-2017: Jon Tester Twice Originally Cosponsored The States Achieve Medicaid Expansion Act. On April 13, 2016, Jon Tester cosponsored S. 2787, the States Achieve Medicaid Expansion (SAME) Act of 2016. On July 12, 2017, Jon Tester cosponsored S. 1545, the SAME Act of 2017. [S. 2787, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [4/13/16](#); S. 1545, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [7/12/17](#)]

- **States Achieve Medicaid Expansion Act Would Make States That Chose To Expand Medicaid After 2014 Eligible For The Same Three Years Of 100 Percent Federal Matching Rates As States That Expanded Medicaid Earlier.** [Modern Healthcare, [7/22/16](#)]

Jon Tester Cosponsored The Individual Health Insurance Marketplace Improvement Act, Intended To Stabilize The Affordable Care Act Marketplace By Creating A Permanent Reinsurance Program And Providing Funding For States To Boost Outreach And Enrollment In Their Exchanges. On July 17, 2017, Jon Tester cosponsored S. 1354, the Individual Health Insurance Marketplace Improvement Act. Politico reported: “FIRST IN PULSE: Tom Carper, Tim Kaine to introduce bill intended to stabilize ACA market. The Individual Health Insurance Marketplace Improvement Act would create a permanent reinsurance program for the individual health insurance market that resembles the programs through Medicare Part D. The bill would also provide \$500 million per year between 2018 and 2020 to help states boost outreach and enrollment in their insurance exchanges.” [Politico, [6/14/17](#); S. 1354, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [7/17/17](#)]

- **Individual Health Insurance Marketplace Improvement Act Would Provide Funding To Cover 80 Percent Of Insurance Claims Between \$50,000 And \$500,000 From 2018 To 2020 And Between \$100,000 And \$500,000 Starting In 2021.** [WCAV, [6/15/17](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE PUSHED POLICIES THAT WOULD STRIP TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MONTANANS OF THEIR HEALTH CARE AND RUBBER-STAMPED HEALTH INSURANCE RATE INCREASES

MATT ROSENDALE SUPPORTED REPEALING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY

Matt Rosendale: “I Won’t Ever Give Up On Repealing And Replacing Obamacare.” [Great Falls Tribune, Matt Rosendale Profile, [5/21/18](#)]

MTN News: “Rosendale Called For A Straight Repeal Of The ACA.” [MTN News, [7/18/17](#)]

2017: 48,450 Montanans Enrolled In Coverage Through The Affordable Care Act. [MTPR, [12/22/17](#)]

Nearly 152,000 Montanans With Pre-Existing Conditions Would Be At Risk For Losing Insurance Coverage And 44,000 Would Lose Health Care Tax Credits If The Affordable Care Act Was Repealed. [Missoulian, [1/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Obamacare Repeal Could Threaten Provisions That Help Older Adults.” [NPR, [1/28/17](#)]

- **PolitiFact: Repealing The ACA Would “Reverse Efforts To Close The ‘Doughnut Hole’ For Prescription Drugs.”** [PolitiFact, [1/5/17](#)]

- **2010-2016: Montana Seniors On Medicare Saved \$63,418,254 On Prescription Drug Costs Due To The Affordable Care Act.** [State-by-State Information on Discounts in the Medicare Part D Donut Hole through December 2016, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, [1/13/17](#)]
- **2016: 12,736 Montana Seniors On Medicare Saved An Average Of \$969 On Their Prescription Drug Costs Due To The Affordable Care Act.** [State-by-State Information on Discounts in the Medicare Part D Donut Hole through December 2016, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, [1/13/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Obamacare Repeal Could Put Native American Health Care At Risk.”
[USA Today, [1/24/17](#)]

Montana Healthcare Foundation: “Repeal Of The ACA Would Disrupt Benefits For Up To 90% Of [Native Americans] In Medicaid Expansion States” Like Montana.
[Montana Healthcare Foundation, [3/27/17](#)]

- **8,000 Additional Native Americans In Montana Enrolled In Health Care Under The Affordable Care Act.** “In Montana, an additional 71,000 people were enrolled in the healthcare system under the Affordable Care Act, said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont.; 8,000 of them are Native Americans.” [High Country News, [9/20/17](#)]
- **National Indian Health Board Warned That Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Be “Catastrophic” For Tribal Health Care.** [USA Today, [1/24/17](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE VOTED AGAINST MONTANA’S MEDICAID PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BOOSTED MONTANA’S ECONOMY AND COVERED 96,000 MONTANANS

2015: Matt Rosendale Voted Against A Bipartisan Bill To Expand Medicaid In Montana. On April 18, 2015, Matt Rosendale voted against concurring in SB 405 on the third reading. The [Helena Independent Record](#) reported: “One day after a lengthy floor battle to free a Medicaid-expansion bill from committee, the Montana House Thursday endorsed the measure, voting 54-46 to accept millions of federal dollars to extend subsidized health coverage to thousands of low-income Montanans...If the Medicaid expansion contained in SB405 is approved by federal health officials, it’s estimated that anywhere from 27,000 to 45,000 Montanans earning less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level would sign up for coverage under the plan.” The measure was passed by a vote of 28-21 and was signed by the Governor. [Helena Independent Record, [4/9/15](#); Vote 1644, SB [405](#), [4/18/15](#)]

- **2018: Matt Rosendale Said He Opposed Montana’s Medicaid Expansion.** [Helena Independent Record, [4/10/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “New Analyses Find Montana Medicaid Expansion Saving Millions of Dollars, Helping Thousands Access Preventive Care.” [Montana Healthcare Foundation, Press Release, [6/18/18](#)]

Montana’s Medicaid Program Cut The State’s Uninsured Rate In Half. “April Grady is from Manatt Health, which completed a study on the state’s Medicaid expansion program along with the Montana Healthcare Foundation. ‘Montana’s uninsured rate has fallen by more than half,’ says Grady.” [MTPR, [7/23/18](#)]

- **June 2018: 96,000 Montanans Were Covered By Montana’s Medicaid Program.**
[Montana Healthcare Foundation, Press Release, [6/18/18](#)]

Montana Healthcare Foundation: Medicaid Expansion “Helped Rural Hospitals Keep Their Doors Open. Hospitals In Medicaid Expansion States Are Six Times Less Likely To Close.” [Montana Healthcare Foundation, Press Release, [6/18/18](#)]

Montana’s Medicaid Program Saved The State More Than \$36 Million. “Generated state budget savings: Montana has saved more than \$36 million in state general funds by

receiving more federal funding for certain enrollees and replacing state spending for key health care programs with federal dollars.” [Montana Healthcare Foundation, Press Release, [6/18/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Medicaid Expansion ‘Critical’ To Montana Drug Court Success, Judge Says.” [MTPR, [11/7/17](#)]

Montana Healthcare Foundation: “Montana’s Medicaid Expansion Has Improved Financial Stability of Community Health Centers.” [Montana Healthcare Foundation, [June 2018](#)]

- **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, January [2018](#); Montana Medicaid Expansion & Community Health Centers, Montana Primary Care Association, [2/18/15](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE PUSHED POLICIES THAT DON’T REQUIRE COVERAGE OF PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

9/14/17: Matt Rosendale Said His Office Had Recommended The Federal Government Expand Short-Term Insurance Plans From A 90-Day Window To 364-Days, Arguing That Having To Reapply Every 90 Days Was “Like A Pre-Existing Condition.” [Hearing, Economic Affairs Interim Committee, Montana Legislature, [9/14/17](#)]

- **Short-Term Insurance Did Not Qualify As Individual Insurance Under The Affordable Care Act Because They Typically Had Maximum Coverage Limits, Allowed Insurers To Turn Down The Sick, And Did Not Cover Preexisting Conditions.** [NPR, [1/31/17](#)]

April 2017: State Auditor Matt Rosendale Announced That Medi-Share Would Be Allowed To Operate In Montana After It Had Been Banned From Operating In The State. [Helena Independent Record, [4/3/17](#)]

- **Health Sharing Ministries Can Limit Or Exclude Coverage Of Pre-Existing Conditions And Decline To Cover Some Of The ACA’s Essential Benefits.** [Huffington Post, [3/9/18](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE RUBBER-STAMPED AVERAGE HEALTH INSURANCE RATE INCREASES OF UP TO 23%

HEADLINE: “Health Insurers In Montana Request Premium Rate Hikes As High As 23%.” [Fox News, [7/13/17](#)]

Matt Rosendale Did Not Find Any Rate Submitted By Montana Insurers “Unreasonable” During His Review Process, Including Average Rate Increases Up To 23 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](#)]

- **Bozeman Daily Chronicle: “When The State’s Three Insurance Companies Asked For Rate Increases Between 4 And 23 Percent In August, Rosendale Said That Request Was Reasonable.”** [Bozeman Daily Chronicle, [10/28/17](#)]
- **Billings Gazette Editorial: Matt Rosendale Had The “Authority To Hold Health Insurers Accountable,” But Instead Of “Pressur[ing] Insurers To Stop Overpricing...He Found That The Proposed Rates Were Justified.”** [Editorial, Billings Gazette, [8/16/18](#)]
- **MTN News: Matt Rosendale “Didn’t Officially Object” To 23 Percent Proposed Rate Increase Filed By Montana Blue Cross Blue Shield.** [MTN News, [8/16/18](#)]

V/O: Jon Tester, he's gone Washington.

O/S: JON TESTER: HE'S GONE WASHINGTON.

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MATT ROSENDALE IS AN MULTIMILLIONAIRE EAST COAST DEVELOPER AND POLITICAL OPPORTUNIST WHOSE CAMPAIGN IS PROPPED UP BY DARK MONEY

MATT ROSENDALE IS A MULTIMILLIONAIRE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER WHO MOVED TO MONTANA AFTER BUYING A TROPHY RANCH, OWNS NO CATTLE

Matt Rosendale: "I Develop Property, I've Said So." [49:01, Missoula County Republican Primary Debate, [3/28/18](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Matt Rosendale: "As I've Told You, I Develop Property."** [1:41:04, Primary Debate, Montana State University College Republicans, Bozeman, MT, [3/22/18](#)] (VIDEO)

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]

TPM: "Longtime Real Estate Developer [Matt Rosendale] Never Actually Ranched His Land Himself...It Appears That He's Never Owned Any Cattle." [TPM, [5/29/18](#)]

- **Republican Russ Fagg: "Matt Rosendale May Describe Himself As A Rancher, But I Haven't Met Many Ranchers Who Were Wealthy East Coast Real-Estate Developers Until They Were 40 Years Old."** [TPM, [5/29/18](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE MOVED TO MONTANA TO START HIS POLITICAL CAREER, AND HAS RUN FOR HIGHER OFFICE FIVE TIMES IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS

Associated Press: Matt Rosendale Was Attacked By His Republican Primary Opponent As A "Political Opportunist Seeking His Fifth Elected Office In Eight Years." [Associated Press, [6/6/18](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE LAUNCHED HIS SENATE CAMPAIGN BY LYING ABOUT JON TESTER'S RECORD, AND CONTINUES TO DO SO

PolitiFact Rated Matt Rosendale's Claim During His Campaign Launch That Jon Tester Supported A National Gun Registry "Pants On Fire," Adding That The Claim Was "Flat Wrong" And "Absurd." [PolitiFact, [8/21/17](#)]

PolitiFact Rated Matt Rosendale's Claim That Jon Tester Voted To Give Himself A Pay Raise "Pants On Fire," Adding His Claim Had "No Basis" And Was "Flat Wrong." [PolitiFact, [4/20/18](#)]

- **PolitiFact's Jason Altmire: Matt Rosendale's Claim That Jon Tester Had Voted To Give Himself A Pay Raise "Was Simply Made Up" And "Preposterous."** [Jason Altmire, PolitiFact, [4/24/18](#)]

MATT ROSENDALE HAS BEEN PROPPED UP BY MILLIONS IN OUTSIDE DARK MONEY SPENDING ATTACKING JON TESTER AND BOOSTING HIM

HEADLINE: "Conservative Groups Poured Millions Into Montana's Senate Primary." [Vox, [6/6/18](#)]

Vox: Matt Rosendale, "Outside Groups' Preferred Candidate," Won The Republican Primary Backed By Millions In Outside Spending. [Vox, [6/6/18](#)]

- **MTN News: “Political-Action Committees Bankrolled By An Illinois Billionaire Have Spent \$1.2 Million On Radio And TV Ads In Montana, Promoting Republican U.S. Senate Candidate Matt Rosendale.”** [MTN News, [4/12/18](#)]

July 2018: Dark Money Super PAC Aired Six-Figure Attack Ad Campaign Lying About Jon Tester’s Record And Erroneously Giving Him Ten Fingers. [National Journal, [7/13/18](#)]

Koch-Backed Group Americans For Prosperity Spent \$560,000 On Television And Digital Ads Attacking Jon Tester. [Helena Independent Record, [4/19/18](#)]

- **2015: Matt Rosendale Earned A 100 Percent Score From Americans For Prosperity For His Voting Record In The Montana State Senate.** [2015 Legislative Scorecard, Americans for Prosperity – Montana, captured [7/19/17](#)]

Former Republican Statewide Elected Officials Marc Racicot, Stan Stephens, Denny Rehberg, And Rick Hill: “Montanans Deserve More Than A U.S. Senator Who Puts The Party Agenda And Endorsements From D.C. Insiders Above Montana.” [Marc Racicot/Stan Stephens/Denny Rehberg/Rick Hill, Helena Independent Record, [5/28/18](#)]

JON TESTER FARMS THE LAND HIS GRANDPARENTS HOMESTEADED THREE GENERATIONS AGO AND HAS FOUGHT TO END PERKS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

JON TESTER, THE SENATE’S ONLY WORKING FARMER, STILL FARMS THE LAND HIS GRANDPARENTS HOMESTEAD MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO

Jon Tester, The Senate’s Only Active Farmer, Returned To The Big Sandy Farm His Grandparents Homesteaded A Century Ago To Work The Land. [New York Times, [6/3/18](#)]

- **Washington Post: “Tester Spent His Break On A Tractor, Tilling The Land For Organic Peas On An 1,800-Acre Farm That Has Been In The Family For More Than 100 Years.”** [Washington Post, [5/2/17](#)]

JON TESTER HAS FOUGHT TO END AUTOMATIC RAISES FOR CONGRESS

March 2009: Jon Tester Was One Of 10 Democratic Senators To Vote To Eliminate Automatic Pay Raises For Members Of Congress. [CQ, [3/10/09](#); Vote 95, S. Amdt. 621 to H.R. 1105, [3/10/09](#)]

March 2012: Jon Tester Introduced Measure Eliminating Cost Of Living Adjustment For Members Of Congress. [S. 2210, Text, Library of Congress, [3/20/12](#)]

- **September 2012: Jon Tester Voted In Favor Of A Continuing Appropriations Measure That Denied Congressional Pay Adjustment.** [Public Law 112-175, [9/28/12](#); H.R. Res. 117, Vote 199, [9/22/12](#); Congressional Research Service, [6/21/16](#)]

2009-2016: Jon Tester Cosponsored Bipartisan Measures To Eliminate Automatic Pay Raises For Members Of Congress. [S. 17, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [9/8/16](#); S. 133, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [1/25/11](#); S. 542, Cosponsors, Library of Congress, [3/10/09](#)]

JON TESTER COSPONSORED SUCCESSFUL LEGISLATION BANNING TAXPAYER-FUNDED OIL PAINTINGS FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Jon Tester-Cosponsored Legislation Prohibiting Federal Funds For Official Portraits For Members Of Congress Was Signed Into Law. On April 24, 2017, Jon Tester cosponsored S. 188, the EGO Act. NPR reported: “On Tuesday, President Trump signed into law the Eliminating Government-funded Oil-painting Act, also known as — wait for it — the EGO Act. Under the new law, federal funds can no longer be used toward

official painted portraits for federal government officials or employees. (It remains a little unclear if watercolor painters can find themselves a loophole.) The law applies to members of Congress, heads of executive agencies, even the president himself.” [Cosponsors, S. 188, Library of Congress, [4/24/17](#); NPR, [3/28/18](#)]

JON TESTER PASSED LEGISLATION BANNING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FROM ACCEPTING TRAVEL, GIFTS, AND MEALS FROM LOBBYISTS

New York Times: Jon Tester Voted For The Honest Leadership And Open Government Act Of 2007, Which “Call[ed] For Bans On Gifts, Meals And Travel Paid For By Lobbyists.” [New York Times, [8/3/07](#); CQ, [8/2/07](#); S. 1, Vote 294, [8/2/07](#)]

- **Times-Picayune Editorial: “Groundbreaking Ethics Legislation...Will Ban Gifts, Meals And Travel Financed By Lobbyists.”** [Editorial, Times-Picayune, 8/4/07]

JON TESTER VOTED TO BAN INSIDER TRADING BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

2012: Jon Tester Voted For The STOCK Act, Which Banned Insider Trading By Members Of Congress, Required Lawmakers To Publicly Report Any Stock Transactions Within 45 Days Of The Trade, And Barred Lawmakers From Participating In Initial Stock Offerings On A Favored Basis. On March 22, 2012, Jon Tester voted in favor of “Motion to invoke cloture (thus limiting debate) on the Reid, D-Nev., motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill that would clarify that members of Congress as well as officials and senior staff of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the U.S. government are covered by current regulations that bar the use of non-public information for trading stocks and bonds. It would require lawmakers and other covered officials to publicly report any stock or securities transaction within 45 days of when the transaction occurs. It would bar lawmakers and other covered officials from participating in initial stock offerings on a favored basis.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 96-3. [Vote 56, S. 2038, [3/22/12](#); CQ, [3/22/12](#)]

- **Jon Tester On The STOCK Act: “It Is Critically Important That We Operate In A Way That Is Totally Clean.”** [NewsTalk KGVO, [12/2/11](#)]