

**JON TESTER**

## **Fighting for Affordable Health Care**

**Jon has been Montana's champion for reliable and affordable health care since he was first elected to the U.S. Senate, fighting to deliver results for every corner of the state. Jon knows that immediate access to quality care can be the difference between life and death in Montana's rural communities, and he'll stand up to anyone to ensure that Montanans are receiving the care they deserve.**

### **Fighting Big Pharma and Lowering Costs**

Big Pharma has been charging Montanans sky-high prices for life-saving medications for too long, but Jon's putting a stop to it. Through his *Inflation Reduction Act*, Jon capped the price of insulin to \$35/month and gave Medicare the power to negotiate lower drug prices for seniors.

Jon will always work to secure Montanans the best deal on their prescription medications, and that's why he's fighting excessive fees from Big Pharma middlemen. Jon's holding massive pharmaceutical companies accountable by successfully pushing the Biden administration to close loopholes that allow Pharmacy Benefit Managers to take advantage of Montana's rural pharmacies and patients.

### **Strengthening Rural Health Care**

Jon knows that rural hospitals are critical to the survival of every Montana community. Since 2020, Jon has secured nearly \$220 million to help Montana's rural hospitals and clinics support communities by meeting the most pressing health care challenges head-on.

Hospitals and clinics are only as strong as their workforce, which is why Jon has fought tooth and nail to combat Montana's rural health care provider shortage. In 2019, the Trump administration adopted permanent policies from Jon's *Restoring Rural Residencies Act* to better incentivize new doctors to work and stay in rural America.

***"Reliable access to affordable health care is critical to the success of Montana communities. I've fought hard my whole career to drive down rising health care costs, and I'll work with anyone to ensure that Montana families can continue thriving in the communities they love..."***

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### **Standing Up for Montana's Seniors**

One-size-fits-all solutions don't work for rural America, and Jon will stand up to anyone to defend Montana. When the Biden administration announced a burdensome staffing mandate that threatened to close rural Montana nursing homes, Jon took action to ensure that folks can continue to retire and live in the communities they love.

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Jon knows that telehealth services only work when Montanans are connected, which is why he's fighting to bring high-speed internet to every household in the state. Through his *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, Jon secured resources to connect Montana households to high-speed internet so that folks can connect with health care providers remotely from anywhere.

### ***Delivering for Veterans***

As Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Jon negotiated, wrote, and passed into law the bipartisan *PACT Act*, which is the largest expansion of health care benefits for veterans in decades. Jon's legislation delivers multiple generations of toxic-exposed veterans, including for thousands of Montanans, their earned health care and benefits.

Jon understands that in a rural state like Montana, access to quality care is critical. That's why he has been relentless in his push for more VA facilities, helping secure 12 new clinics across the state and the Southwest Montana Veterans Home in Butte. Jon also successfully urged the VA to deploy mobile Vet Centers to areas impacted by major flooding in 2022.

### ***Expanding Mental Health Care***

Montanans are tough as nails, but Jon knows that even the toughest folks can go through hard times. That's why Jon is reaching across the aisle to help expand access to mental health centers across the state.

As young folks across Montana struggle with increased mental health issues, Jon took feedback from school leaders and introduced bipartisan legislation to improve schools' ability to access mental health resources.

### ***Modernizing Montana's Health Infrastructure***

In a state as big as Montana, folks often have to drive more than an hour to see their nearest doctor – that's why Jon is leading the charge to improve telehealth services. Following pressure from Jon, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has reshaped policies to expand access to telehealth across Montana.



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