

JON TESTER

Fighting for LGBTQ+ Montanans

“It’s not the government’s job to decide who Montanans can love and marry, end of story. No one should have fewer freedoms than others because of who they are and who they love. That is unacceptable. I will continue to fight to protect every American’s ability to live their lives freely without fear or discrimination...”

Jon Tester



The Equality Act

Jon has consistently been an original cosponsor of the *Equality Act* to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to ban discrimination of LGBTQ+ Americans. Jon continues to push for passage of the *Equality Act* because equality for all Americans can’t wait. It’s far past time that every American should be protected from discrimination and considered equal under the law.

Expanding and Celebrating Rights

Before same-sex marriage made it to the Supreme Court, it was protected in Montana’s U.S. District Court, and Jon applauded the ruling.

Jon has been a strong supporter of marriage equality in the Senate. How Montanans define a family should be their personal business and should not involve the government in any way. Jon voted in support of the

Respect for Marriage Act in 2022 to enshrine into law the requirement for all states in the country to honor and recognize same-sex marriages. This is one of the first bills that provides clear protections for LGBTQ+ people.

Prohibiting Discrimination and Hate Crimes

As a former public school teacher, Jon believes our schools should always be safe for our students, and our kids should be able to get a quality education without fear of harm or harassment. Jon cosponsored the *Student Non-Discrimination Act (SNDA)* to end harassment and discrimination against LGBTQ+ students.

Every American should have the same workforce protections, period. Jon cosponsored the *Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)* to expand existing federal protections to include sexual orientation as a protected group from discrimination in the workplace.

Jon voted in support of the *Matthew Shepard Hate Crime Prevention Act* in 2009 that made it a hate crime to assault people based on sexual orientation or gender identity.



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