

JON TESTER

Fighting for Montana Seniors

As a third-generation Montana farmer who still lives in Big Sandy where he grew up, Jon relentlessly defends Montana seniors every day – from lowering the cost of living, to holding criminals who attempt to scam older Montanans accountable, to increasing access to quality, affordable health care. Jon is Montana’s leading champion to protect and bolster Medicare and Social Security, and he will never stop fighting for Montana seniors and to protect the earned benefits that provide a dignified retirement.



Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for Montana Seniors

The sky-high costs of medication break the bank for too many Montana seniors. Jon fought for and passed the *Inflation Reduction Act*, which enacted generational wins for Montanans on Medicare – including capping out-of-pocket prescription drug costs, capping the cost of insulin at \$35 a month, and finally allowing Medicare to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies to lower drug prices for seniors.

Big Pharma has taken advantage of patients for too long with price-gouging and high drug costs. Jon successfully pushed the Biden Administration to close a loophole that allowed corporate middlemen to charge pharmacies excessive fees retroactively,

“Montanans across the state are facing rising costs, and unfortunately our seniors are no exception. As a third-generation Montana farmer, I’ve seen firsthand how critical earned benefits like Medicare and Social Security are to ensuring older Montanans enjoy their retirement years with dignity and independence, particularly in our rural areas. I am going to continue to fight like hell against any attempt to cut, privatize, or reduce the benefits not just for our seniors today, but to make sure our kids and grandkids have access to them too...”

Jon Tester

JON TESTER FOR U.S. SENATE

LEARN MORE OR VOLUNTEER ON JON’S CAMPAIGN: [JONTESTER.COM](https://jontester.com) / [@JONTESTER](https://twitter.com/jontester) / [f @JONTESTER](https://www.facebook.com/jontester) / [X JONTESTER](https://www.instagram.com/jontester)

lowering out-of-pocket costs for Montanans, helping rural pharmacies stay open across Montana, and increasing accountability around prescription drug costs.

Keeping Seniors Safe and Montana's Nursing Facilities Open

One-size-fits-all mandates don't work for rural Montana. Jon is working across the aisle with his Republican colleagues to overturn the Biden administration's first-ever minimum staffing mandate for nursing homes, which would have a devastating impact on health care facilities that serve Montanans in rural areas. Jon instead urged the administration to focus on addressing critical nursing and doctor shortages in rural America.

Jon also introduced bipartisan legislation to support rural nursing homes and ensure Montana's seniors are receiving the highest- quality long-term care possible by prohibiting the Biden administration staffing mandate.

As a part of his efforts to keep Montana seniors safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, Jon secured more than tens of millions of dollars for 70 nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities across the state to increase testing, staffing, increase access to protective equipment, and cover expenses from the pandemic so these critical facilities stay open.

Expanding Telehealth for Montana Seniors

As a lifelong resident of a rural community in North-central Montana, Jon understands that telehealth is a game changer for residents and seniors across the state when it comes to accessing affordable, quality health care. That's why Jon introduced his *Defending Access to Rural Health Care Act* to improve telehealth access for rural health clinics and centers and increase support for Critical Access Hospitals.

Jon also successfully pushed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update a rule to

increase reimbursements to health care providers that use telephone-based, audio-only services in order to benefit Montanans and seniors without reliable internet across the state.

Fighting Scammers Preying on Montana Seniors

Scams that target older Americans are becoming more sophisticated and more devastating every year. Jon introduced and passed his bipartisan *Senior Fraud Prevention Act*, which instructs the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to direct resources to fight fraud targeting the elderly and help seniors and their families avoid scams.

Jon also passed legislation to establish a Senior Scam Prevention Advisory Council, made up of representatives from across the federal government, private sector, and senior advocacy groups to provide information to retail and financial businesses on how to protect their customers from scams.

Protecting Pensions for First Responders

Jon continues to fight every day to ensure that Montana's heroes and their families receive the benefits they've earned through a career of service, including by introducing and passing his *First Responders Fair Return for Employees on Their Initial Retirement Earned (RETIRE) Act*, which will help federal employees with dangerous jobs, like firefighters, law enforcement officers, and Customs and Border Protection officials, receive their full retirement benefits if they are injured while on the job.

Jon also passed his bipartisan *Putting America's First Responders First Act*, which cuts red tape to fix a critical benefits program for public safety officers, and makes certain that first responders and the families of first responders who are disabled or killed in the line of duty receive the benefits they have earned.



JON TESTER FOR U.S. SENATE

LEARN MORE OR VOLUNTEER ON JON'S CAMPAIGN: [JONTESTER.COM](https://jontester.com) / [@JONTESTER](https://twitter.com/jontester) / [f JONTESTER](https://www.facebook.com/jontester)

PAID FOR BY MONTANANS FOR TESTER