

Taking On China

Senator Jon Tester believes China is one of the most significant threats to our national security. In his role on the Subcommittee on Homeland Security and as chair of the Subcommittee on Defense, he has relentlessly fought to take on China, including doing everything in his power to forcefully shut down their attempts to undercut our economy and American jobs, send fentanyl over our borders, and purchase farmland near sensitive military sites.

Fighting for American Agriculture

As a third-generation dirt farmer and Defense Chair, Jon knows how critically important it is to protect America's food security and national security. That's why Jon introduced a bill to prevent foreign adversaries, including China, from buying American farmland – and he won't rest until it's signed into law.

Jon went to bat for Montana's ranchers by repeatedly calling on China to lift their ban on U.S. beef and praised Trump for a trade agreement that allowed Montana cattle producers to export beef to China.

Cracking Down On Fentanyl

The fentanyl crisis is devastating communities across Montana, and foreign adversaries like China are responsible for manufacturing fentanyl ingredients and providing cartels with the deadly drug. Jon's bipartisan *FEND Off Fentanyl Act*, which passed earlier this year, declared international fentanyl trafficking a national emergency and imposed sanctions on countries like China that are contributing to the crisis.

Countering China Militarily

Jon believes China is one of the most significant threats to our national security, and he's committed to giving our military the resources they need to combat China's influence. As Chair of the Senate Defense Committee, Jon crafted bills that included billions for initiatives to counter China, including programs to prepare for Chinese military activity.

“China is the pacing threat to this country. They want to replace us, both economically and militarily, as a world leader. We need to fight back. As Defense chair, I’ll never stop fighting to counter foreign adversaries like China, and I’ll do whatever it takes to make sure we keep America safe...”

Jon Tester

Defending American Jobs and Economy

Jon believes America shouldn't have to rely on China for critical materials that go into everything, from cars to cell phones. So, he helped craft and pass the *CHIPS And Science Act* to stay competitive with China, invest in American manufacturing, and establish an economic development initiative in Montana that is expected to create thousands of jobs. Jon believes that American infrastructure should

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be built with American materials and American jobs, full stop. That's why he fought for "Buy America" standards that would ensure American iron and steel are used for infrastructure projects.

American workers will always come first for Jon. Jon backed legislation to block China from dumping goods in American markets below market value, and he fought against trade agreements that hurt America's manufacturing base and outsourced jobs.

Preventing Chinese Surveillance & Protecting Privacy

When Chinese telecommunications equipment posed national security risks that left the U.S. vulnerable, Jon immediately took action. He voted for several bills that strengthened U.S. cybersecurity and blocked

the use of Chinese telecommunications firms that posed a security risk. Jon cracked down on China's interference in grant programs for small businesses research on critical defense technology to prevent funding from going to organizations with ties to China.

Given national security concerns over the collection of personal data by the Chinese government, Jon voted to force ByteDance to divest from TikTok in order to operate in the United States and supported banning TikTok on government devices.

When a Chinese spy balloon flew above Montana, Jon demanded answers from the Biden administration about their decision to delay shooting it down. Jon led the first public briefing to get those answers for the American public and has continued fighting to ensure China is held accountable for their espionage efforts, from spy balloons to satellites.



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