

JON TESTER

Fighting to Secure the Border

Senator Jon Tester has always fought for tougher border security – collaborating with former President Donald Trump to secure the southern border and calling on President Joe Biden to do more to crack down on illegal immigration.

Fighting for Bipartisan Border Solutions

Jon knows that the first step to keep Montana safe is securing America's borders – and he's fighting to get the job done. He is the only member of Montana's congressional delegation to vote for the Border Patrol-backed bipartisan border security package and won't stop fighting until the border crisis is addressed. The bipartisan border security package would have:

- Added hundreds of new agents on the border and provided more than \$20 billion for manpower, technology, and operational needs to secure the southern border – resources law enforcement said they need to get the job done.
- Required the President to close the border when the system becomes overwhelmed.
- Made the most significant legal changes to the immigration system in decades – including ending “catch and release” and toughening asylum laws.

Jon has worked with Republicans to secure crucial resources for the border. As a key negotiator of the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, Jon fought tooth and nail to secure \$430 million for Customs and Border Protection to improve ports of entry and purchase equipment to secure America's borders.

Jon Tester has voted for border barrier funding more than a dozen times. Through his leadership on the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, Jon secured billions for President Trump's border wall and \$900 million for new technology and inspections at southern border entry points.



“What’s happening on the southern border is unacceptable, and dedicating more manpower and resources is crucial to keeping Montanans safe. That’s why I’ve called on President Biden to step up and do everything in his power to secure the border, and it’s why I supported a strong bipartisan deal to get our border under control earlier this year...”

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Standing up to President Biden to Secure the Border

Jon will stand up to anyone, including President Biden, to keep our border secure. When President Biden proposed eliminating the Trump-era policy used to deter illegal border crossings during COVID, known as Title 42, Jon took action and fought for bipartisan legislation to extend Title 42 and require the Department of Homeland Security to create an airtight plan to prevent illegal crossings.

When the Biden Administration attempted to peel back President Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy, Tester discouraged the move and supported requiring asylum-seekers to remain in Mexico while awaiting legal proceedings.

Jon recently became the first Democrat to cosponsor the *Laken Riley Act* to keep Montana communities safe and hold those who enter our country and commit crimes accountable.

Stopping the Flow of Fentanyl & Keeping Montana Safe

Dangerous drugs like fentanyl are wreaking havoc on Montana communities, and Jon is leading the charge to stop drug trafficking at the border and keep Montana safe. Jon's bipartisan *FEND Off Fentanyl Act* that passed earlier this year will impose economic sanctions on those engaged in the trafficking of fentanyl, like China and Mexican cartels, and declare international trafficking of fentanyl a national emergency.

As the fentanyl epidemic continues to explode in Montana and across the country, Jon is leading the charge to stop it at the source. Through his bipartisan *Protecting America's Borders Against Fentanyl Act*, Jon secured resources for the Department of Homeland Security to research technologies that target illicit drugs like fentanyl that cross the southern border in cars and trucks.

Jon will work with anyone to stop the flow of dangerous drugs like fentanyl into the United States. In December 2020, Jon reached across the aisle and



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supported a Republican-led bill to implement new strategies for Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security to detect and catalog synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

Securing the border is the first step in keeping Montana communities safe, but Jon's fighting to ensure that America's law enforcement agencies have the tools they need to combat drug traffickers that slip through the cracks. Through his role on the Senate Appropriations Committee, Jon has been Montana's champion for programs like High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), securing billions to fund specialized task forces in Montana and across the southern border.

Montana's officers can't stand alone when fighting dangerous drug trafficking, which is why Jon is working to strengthen national policing and border security efforts across the board. Jon's bipartisan *ANTI Drugs Act* will provide increased resources for things like law enforcement task forces who work to reduce drug trafficking at the border.

Increasing Manpower

For too long, law enforcement agencies along America's southern border have been understaffed and underfunded, but Jon is leading the charge to boost manpower on the frontline of the border crisis. Recently Jon has secured resources to hire more than 300 additional Border Protection Agents to crack down on illegal border crossings.

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