

# JON TESTER

## Fights for Eastern Montana

**Eastern Montana represents the best that rural America has to offer, and Jon is working to ensure that every community from Malta to Miles City has the resources it needs to stay strong. From securing funding for rural schools and hospitals, to drafting a farm bill that keeps Montana's producers competitive, Jon will always fight for Eastern Montana in Washington.**

### Keeping Eastern Montana Connected

Jon knows that if rural Montana's students and businesses want to compete in the 21st century, it's critical that they have access to reliable and affordable internet service. Through his *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the American Rescue Plan*, Jon secured resources to connect Montana's rural households to high-speed internet so that folks can do business from every corner of the state.

### MONTANA COMMUNITIES GETTING BROADBAND UPGRADES:

- Malta
- Sidney
- Colstrip
- Glendive
- Glasgow
- Miles City
- Wolf Point
- Baker
- Plentywood
- Forsyth
- Terry

Whether it's hauling grain, or ensuring children get to school safely, Jon knows that Montanans count on roads and bridges to get places. Through his *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*, Jon secured hundreds of millions for much-needed repairs to Eastern Montana's roads and bridges so that Montana's small businesses and families can travel safely across the state.



**Jon always gets his best ideas from Montanans, which is why he held public, in-person Farm Bill Listening Sessions in Glasgow, Plentywood, Sidney, and across Montana to hear directly from producers about what they want to see in the upcoming legislation. Jon's working hard in Washington to ensure that the new Farm Bill keeps family farms and ranches strong for generations to come.**

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### **MONTANA COMMUNITIES GETTING ROAD UPGRADES:**

- Custer County
- Dawson County
- Richland County
- Phillips County
- Rosebud County
- Sheridan County
- Valley County
- Prairie County
- Fallon County

As Montana continues to grow, Jon knows it's critical that small businesses and families have access to safe reliable airport services. Through his *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* and other measures, Jon delivered millions to upgrade and expand airports across Eastern Montana so that Montanans can stay connected from anywhere.

Rural Montana relies on the Postal Service for everything from Social Security checks to prescription medication, and Jon has taken USPS leadership to task to ensure Montanans can count on reliable service. Jon held Postmaster DeJoy accountable to the state and passed his *Postal Reform Act* to improve mail service for rural America. The bill would protect reliable mail service by strengthening USPS's financial footing.

Reliable train service has kept Montanans connected for decades. When Amtrak's Empire Builder Route on Montana's Hi-Line faced shutdown threats, Jon got to work and restored full service. He's also leading the charge to restore Amtrak's North Coast Hiawatha Route through Eastern Montana to protect access to affordable interstate transportation.

### **Unleashing Montana Energy**

Jon has a long record of fighting to strengthen American energy independence and knows that Montana's workers play a huge role in keeping energy costs low and bolstering our oil and gas infrastructure. So, when President Biden canceled completion of the Keystone XL, Jon introduced bipartisan legislation to override that decision and publicly pressured President Biden to reverse course.

Jon will always fight to protect Montana energy jobs from burdensome and costly Biden administration regulations. He fought against a Biden administration rule that could raise energy prices for Montanans and hurt energy workers, and pushed back against a restrictive new rule that would put additional costly, bureaucratic barriers in place for Colstrip Power Plant to continue operating.



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### **Standing up for Montana AG**

Too often, Washington bureaucrats don't have a clue what's going on in rural America – but Jon is leading the charge to bring Montana commonsense to Congress. That's why, when the Biden administration announced a new Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that could have hurt Montana's producers, Jon bucked his party and voted against it.

Jon knows that Montana's farmers and ranchers don't have time to waste when they're growing food, so when the Biden administration added burdensome "climate disclosure" paperwork for producers, Jon put a stop to it. Because of Jon's work, farmers can focus on feeding the world instead of jumping through bureaucratic hoops.

Whether it's flooded fields, or devastating drought, Jon knows that Montana's farmers need relief when disaster strikes. Jon has secured billions of dollars in disaster relief funding for our farmers, and he'll continue fighting to ensure that Montana's producers receive the relief they need when hard times hit.

Meat processing middlemen have been squeezing Eastern Montana's ranchers and consumers for far too long, which is why Jon is working to secure funding for local meat processing options and keep money in Montana pockets. Through his *American Rescue Plan Act* Jon secured resources to expand dozens of meat processing facilities, including in places like Miles City, Malta, and Sidney to ensure that Montanans are receiving better deals at the farm gate and grocery store.

Jon knows that Montanans produce the best meat in the world, plain and simple. That's why he's fought to pass his *New Markets for State-Inspected Meat and Poultry Act*, which would allow Montana's producers and meat processors to sell Montana's state-inspected meats across state lines without additional bureaucratic red tape.

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### **Better Schools, Brighter Futures**

As a former public school teacher, Jon knows that if children receive high-quality education early, they'll have the best chance to succeed later in life. That's why Jon recently secured more than \$2.5 million to support Head Start early education opportunities and childcare services in Malta, Glendive, Miles City, Glasgow and the surrounding communities.



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### ***Fighting for Affordable Housing***

Housing shortages have hit Eastern Montana hard. Jon is pushing Congress to pass his *Rural Housing Service Reform Act*, which would increase the supply of affordable housing across Montana.

Jon is working to give Montanans a seat at the table and invest in community housing developments and repairs. Recently Jon has secured over \$22 million to help bolster Montana's housing supply through his role on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

### ***Empowering Montana Law Enforcement***

Law enforcement officers perform a dangerous job to keep Eastern Montana safe, and Jon will always have their back in Washington. Recently, Jon has secured much-needed resources for law enforcement agencies in Eastern Montana to hire additional officers and keep the community safe.

### ***Standing with Eastern Montana Veterans***

As the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Jon knows that access to quality care in a rural state like Montana is critical. That's why he has been relentless in his push for more VA facilities, helping secure 12 new clinics across the state including a state-of-the-art primary care clinic in Miles City to support nearly 900 veterans in the area.

### ***Defending Montana 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 fought to ensure that folks can continue to access care in the communities they live.



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