

The shocking stories contained between these covers about “The Jon Tester we don’t *really* know” takes about 30 minutes to read. Less if your eyes start popping out of your head.

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- If the scenes of chaos at America’s open borders and the flood of illegals into “someone else’s town” simply makes you laugh, *don’t read this book!*
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- If you like paying for Biden/Harris’s canceling of student loans, *don’t read this book!*

Jon Tester used to be one of us. At least he *seemed* to be fighting for jobs and for commonsense policies in that crazy place called Washington, D.C. We were wrong.

As you will discover in this revealing book, he’s *NOW* voting *almost* 100% like one of *THEM* in D.C.

Illegal immigrants, crime, inflation, *and* crazy race-and-gender politics have escaped D.C. We show you here how Tester is helping bring them all home to Montana.

This little book could mean the world to your family, and to your vote, in just a couple of weeks. It’s time for a return to normal. *The Other Side of Jon Tester* will tell you why and how.

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# DISCLAIMER

This book was written in the summer of 2024. It was finished only *just after* Joe Biden was forced to quit his re-election effort by the Democratic Party’s national bosses, surrendering the presidential nomination he’d already won.

Vice President Kamala Harris then became Biden’s replacement, because no other Democrat wanted to try to defend the Biden/Harris record.

As you will see from this little book’s shocking revelations, *only one of every three Americans approve* of the Biden/Harris agenda—and this is *not just the result* of Biden’s one bad night debating Donald Trump last June.

Instead, it is the result of *four years* of the Biden/Harris, New Democrat *ultra-liberal progressive policies*—which created today’s rampant inflation, runaway crime, “Border Czar” Kamala’s open borders for illegal immigrants, and other policies like the New Democrats’ strange proposals trying to open our daughters’ locker rooms to boys.

The New Democrat Party no longer represents the American working man and woman. *Almost all* U.S. Senators who voted with Biden/Harris—*nearly 100% of the time*—during the past four years are no longer *our* Senators. You will find out here why we can’t afford *any of them*, anymore.

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# Preface

I've always gotten a chuckle out of watching Jon Tester's flattop haircut and "generous" Montana belly bearing down on his Western belt buckle fighting the good fight against gravity—because long ago I came to believe that Jon Tester was fighting the good fight on our behalf in Washington, D.C., as one of our U.S. Senators.

But in the last few years I've become shocked at who "our" Jon Tester has become. What happened to the high school music teacher and part-time organic farmer we elected to the United States Senate way back in 2006?

Jon Tester's flat-top haircut remains the same . . . but everything else about him has changed. On issue after issue, Jon has become a "Biden/Harris Democrat"—completely out of touch with what we believe and how we live our real lives here in Montana.

We've all known or heard of a guy in the office or neighborhood who was running around on his wife. Politically, Biden/Harris Democrats like Jon Tester behave

the same way—swearing their love to us at home, while doing anything they want “at the office” in Washington, D.C., on issues that impact our lives.

I was forced to write this quick read because I needed to tell *you* about “the other side of Jon Tester” before we make the mistake of electing him to a fourth term as our U.S. Senator.

Jon is no longer the senator who wears a cowboy hat and eats BBQ at our county rodeos. He’s become the senator who prefers dining with lobbyists while eating snails at French restaurants in Washington, D.C. (with names that we can’t even pronounce without sounding like Pepé Le Pew), and whose votes on critical laws are in the process of destroying the very way we live our lives here in Montana.

Are you like me?

Do you watch TV and grind your teeth at the scenes of our “open borders” and the sight of illegal immigrants knocking down our fences and being handed free credit cards and hotel rooms? Is Biden/Harris inflation forcing you to skip family vacations . . . or even taking the kids to McDonalds?

Have you heard the rumors (which

turn out to be true!) that Senator Tester has voted to outlaw your pickup and turn it into a battery-powered Matchbox car? Have you skipped a meal or taken on a second job just to pay for the gas for your old car (before Biden/Harris and Tester outlaw gas altogether)?

Has your cousin in California breathlessly texted you about how it’s okay to shoplift there . . . as long as you don’t steal *more* than \$1,000 of stuff? And you wonder if this kind of crazy is coming to *your* Walmart?

Do you have a daughter in high school who loves sports (and is really good at them!)? Would you like to protect her from “boys who call themselves girls” joining her team and joining her in the showers?

If you answered “Yes!” to any of these kitchen table or truck stop coffee questions, then you *have* to quickly read about “the other side of Jon Tester” *before you vote this month!*

It doesn’t matter which party you’re in.

If you’re a Republican who’s voted for Jon Tester in the past because “at least he brings home the bacon,” do you *really* believe that a new Republican senator and a Republican Trump White House will

deliver *fewer* infrastructure dollars for our thousands of miles of highways?

If you're a Democrat who's voted for Jon Tester in the past, do you *really* want to be a "Biden/Harris Democrat" today . . . and try to explain to your friends "the other side of Jon Tester" that will be revealed in this small book?

Montana voted for President Trump in 2016 *and* 2020 *and* will vote for him again in 2024. Isn't it the *least* we could do for President Trump to make sure that Jon Tester isn't a giant flattop pain in Trump's (and America's) rear end next year?

After all the COVID craziness, after all of Biden's runaway spending that's crushing my family budget, after everything I see on the news (when I can even bear to watch the news), I guess I'm just desperate for a "return to normal." Aren't you?

We take pride in telling friends around the country that we're from "Big Sky Country" or "The Treasure State." But our third state motto is in danger today. Montana is also "*The Last Best Place.*" After learning about the other side of Jon Tester, you may decide that maybe to him we're just last.

## Chapter 1

### Every State's a Border State in Tester/Biden/Harris Open Borders World

Robert Frost's famous American poem "Mending Wall" was published in 1914. In it, he wrote the line filled with wisdom that everyone knows today: "Good fences make good neighbors."

I'll bet that the first thing that Jon Tester's grandfather did when he homesteaded his federal land grant of 320 acres near Big Sandy in 1912 was to build a fence around his new family property. It was the sensible thing to do.

But a hundred years later, the grandson seems bent on ignoring the wisdom of both his grandfather and Robert Frost. Senator Tester doesn't seem to believe that *our country* also needs a fence or a defensible border. He just doesn't make sense.

Unlike so much of today's political

craziness, Jon’s instincts on the illegal alien front seem to pre-date the arrival of President Biden. In February 2018—while running for election to his third term as our U.S. Senator—Jon voted against adopting the federal statute that came to be known as “Kate’s Law.” Kate Steinle was a 32-year-old woman from San Francisco who was shot and killed by an illegal alien who had served multiple felony convictions here in the U.S. and had *been deported five times*.

Kate’s Law would have imposed a mandatory minimum five-year prison sentence for any illegal alien (*and* previously convicted felon) found guilty of murder or rape or drug trafficking. Not exactly mean-spirited targeting of well-meaning but misunderstood “unregistered guests” (as this year’s “woke” Democrats have decided to call illegals). Senator Tester joined all national Democrats and killed Kate’s Law.

The very next year—2019 (still two years before Biden was slowly led onto the inaugural platform on the west steps of the Capitol)—*Jon publicly bragged in Washington, D.C., that he was the “only member of Montana’s Congressional*

*Delegation to support the repeal of ALL of Trump’s border security Executive Orders.”*

Why?

Political scientists of all stripes suggest that “open-borders Democrats”—going all the way back to the Reagan era—are taking a naked gamble on creating generations of future (government-dependent) voters. Meaning, Democrats. Illegal immigrants can’t vote . . . yet . . . but their children born in America can. It appears to be a long-term play by cynical Democrats who rush to assure skeptical taxpayers that “letting these folks in won’t affect *you*.”

But today’s millions of illegals do affect us. And future generations of these “unregistered guests” will change your children’s cities and towns, in unknown ways.

This isn’t automatically a bad thing. After all, America is a nation of immigrants. But *sensible* citizens logically ask, “Shouldn’t *we* be able to determine how many new arrivals we can handle in a given year?”

The Tester/Biden/Harris attitude of telling us to shut up and just open the borders is insulting to taxpayers. And



it's *deeply* insulting to generations of hard-working *legal* immigrants who take pride in their lawful entry and freedom from government dependence.

Who do you guess are the Americans angriest at unfettered illegal entry across the Mexican border? Over many years Gallup polls have told us: it's the millions of Latino Americans who came in *legally*—who did it the right way! (Are *these* great Americans “racist”?)

Hundreds of thousands of Montanans seem to have finally had enough of this open-border nonsense and have begun flooding Senator Tester's offices with complaints—complaints that *temporarily* seemed to be having a measurable effect upon Jon as he campaigns for a *fourth* term as our U.S. Senator this year.

In February of this re-election year he wrote a letter to Biden (using crayon so Biden could read it?) “encouraging” the president to use “all remaining executive action tools” to strengthen border security. (Suddenly he's finding merit in those 90 Trump Executive Orders that he so proudly denounced just a few years ago.)

In March of this re-election year he

suddenly got religion on the floor of the U.S. Senate—voting for the Democrats' attempt to correct decades of open border policies in a single “border security bill” (that *every* Democrat knew would never pass). It was a bill put forward by terrified Tester/Biden/Harris Democrats out of fear of President Trump's commonsense calls to close America's borders until we could at least process those illegals who are already here.

(And as for that Tester/Biden/Harris “border security bill”? It didn't offer to build a wall . . . but it *did* offer to give driver's licenses to 7 million illegals already in the country. And Biden/Harris and Tester were “shocked” when it failed to pass Congress. Hmmm.)

But in April, Senator Tester affirmed his steadfast support of Biden's “open border” policies in the most dramatic way possible. That month, due to his flagrant disregard of America's immigration laws, the U.S. House of Representatives *impeached* Biden's Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

When the impeachment papers were solemnly walked into the U.S. Senate,

“our Jon” voted with every Democrat to refuse to even *look* at them! Every Senate Democrat announced that there were ZERO problems at America’s borders and voted to dismiss the Mayorkas impeachment charges without so much as a hearing.

Having seen the daily pictures of chaos at every American border, would *you or your neighbors* have had at least a few *questions* about the carnage? Me, too.

Here’s how purposeful was Jon’s embrace of Biden/Harris’s open borders policy. Before being allowed to vote to dismiss the Mayorkas impeachment charges in the Senate, every U.S. Senator was required to solemnly walk to the front of the chamber and sign an “oath book” kept by the U.S. National Archives to record the handful of times any impeachment proceeding has reached the Senate. *Senator Tester signed the book—wanting history to know that he was specifically voting to keep things exactly as they are.*

Tester’s split personality on open-borders is so strong that even the prospect of angry Montana voters helping him “emigrate out of office” hasn’t stopped him.

Remember when Governor Gianforte and our Montana legislature banned “sanctuary cities” back in 2021? Because we generally frown upon that level of crazy lawlessness?

*This year*, “the other side of Jon Tester” helped block a federal bill that would have punished states for foolishly passing new “sanctuary laws” just like the ones we blocked here in Montana. Really, Jon? Open borders *and* sanctuary cities? How about asking us?

Well, the magazine *The Economist* did—in March of 2024. Strong women of Montana! What say you? Only about 1 out of 4 women in America approve of Biden/Harris’s handling of immigration. Are you one of this 1 out of 4 . . . or are you part of the “sisterhood of the 3 out of 4” who realizes something’s gotta change?

Given his past record, does anyone really believe that “our Jon Tester” is going to buck the Biden/Harris Democrats on the border *after* this election is over?

This is no longer some distant game for Montana, with us just shaking our heads at the foolishness taking place “way down in Texas or Arizona.”

President Trump’s former Acting Secretary of Department of Homeland Security Chad Wolf offers a somber immigration update: “*Montana is ground zero for the northern border crisis* and is currently experiencing a 30% increase in illegal apprehensions this fiscal year [2022] when compared to the entirety of the northern border.” Historically, these “crossers” were Canadian. But in 2022, for the first time, more Mexicans crossed our border than Canadians(!), with the rate continuing to climb—all during our Jon Tester’s third term in the Senate. Have you heard him complain about that?

Even more shocking, Wolf adds that fentanyl seizures along the Montana–Canada border from 2019 to 2023 have gone from 1,900 dosage units to 398,552—that’s a 20,000% increase (not a typo)! I bet that this is the first time you’re hearing about this, right? Not something that our Jon is rushing to claim credit for in official press releases focused on dozens of other “slow Joe” Biden agenda items.

The reason that we need to get serious *today* about guarding America’s front and back doors (and showing Biden-enabler

Tester the exit door) is because of the *explosion* in the number of illegals during the years since President Trump left office, otherwise known as “the Biden years.”

Prior to 2021, estimates of the number of illegal immigrants living in America during Jon Tester’s years in office (2007–2021) varied from a Pew Research low of 10 million to a Center for Immigration Studies high of 25 million.

But what no one disputes is the number of new illegals flooding in *since* 2021. The flow has been 2.5 million to 3 million . . . *per year*. That’s three whole Montanas. Every year. Since 2021.

A major divide has now erupted between Tester/Biden/Harris Democrats and the Democrat mayors of big cities like New York and Chicago and Democrat mayors of small liberal vacation towns like Martha’s Vineyard in Massachusetts. These were all proud “sanctuary cities” until the flood of Biden/Harris illegals made them become *actual* “sanctuary cities.” All the “woke liberals” freaked and started screaming “Stop!”—but only after these mayors ran out of free credit cards and hotel rooms for their new “unregistered guests.”

We've all seen the smiling television interviews given by countless border-crossers thrilled at having survived the Mexican cartels that smuggled them in and grateful that Trump's border policies had been wiped out, allowing them to avoid all that legal immigration paperwork.

Some of us remember the YouTube video posted by one particularly angry Venezuelan gang member last spring who gave a YouTube tutorial (in Spanish) on how to "squat" in (claim ownership of) American homes whose owners were temporarily absent!

But there are nations even farther afield than Venezuela that are sending shock troops across our unguarded and unfenced borders—nations familiar to any Montanan who looked up into our Big Sky in February 2023 when Communist China floated the first of several spy balloons over *our* ranch land. (Senator Tester rushed onto CNN that day to claim that the balloon "doesn't put our national security at risk." Really? Read on.)

Chinese illegals during the Biden/Harris years now comprise nearly 2% of illegal border crossers: part of the 15%

who our Border Patrol calls "OTMs" ("Other Than Mexicans") who flood, undocumented, across all American borders every year. Arrests of illegal Chinese at our borders during the Biden/Harris years have totaled roughly 100,000. It's estimated that at least another 100,000 were never even stopped. That's north of 200,000 single, military-age Chinese men since 2021. Today's entire active duty American Army has just 453,000 soldiers.

Chinese interests now own land in 54 of Montana's 56 counties. And although the percentage of Chinese Communist-owned land in our state is thankfully small today, leaving anything Chinese to its own devices usually means billions more problems down the road.

(Does Senator Tester object to this? Not to anyone's knowledge. The only Chinese threat that Tester seems to see is *Chinese* electric trucks replacing *American* electric trucks . . . as if Americans or Montana ranchers want *either*—as you'll see later in this book.)

I suspect that this direct international threat to Montana will only become relevant to "our Jon" when his re-election

poll numbers start falling faster than a Chinese spy balloon shot out of our skies. So you may have finally heard something from Senator Tester on this by the time you're reading this small book. But like that Chinese spy balloon, don't expect Jon's "tough on borders" position to last very long.

We "Treasure Staters" way up here may not be able to directly defend America's border with Mexico. Hell, we may not be allowed by President Biden or Vice President Harris to even defend *our* border with Canada! But we can take an important step in protecting *all* borders by sending a message to the Tester/Biden/Harris Democrats . . . by removing from *office* our activist Senator Tester who seems bent on removing our national *borders*.

## *Chapter 2*

# **The Tester/Biden/Harris Inflation Explosion Act Wasn't an Act**

At the beginning of 2021, just before Senator Tester started "helping" President Biden and Vice President Harris fix our economy, there were 36 Oreos in a standard package of delicious eat-'em-plain-or-dunk-'em-in-milk Oreos.

If Nabisco baked cookies like Tester/Biden/Harris baked our economy with inflation the past four years, today there would only be 28 cookies in that same package. We've been robbed of eight delicious Oreo cookies . . . for the same price per package. Damn!

That's the easiest way to explain the incredibly complicated and incredibly upside down economic actions taken by "flattop haircut" helper Jon Tester. The actual details are much more horrifying. (But they're on display every time we push

a grocery cart down the aisle of our local grocery stores in Cut Bank or Glendive.)

As we all know, the American economy (indeed, America itself) had been shut down with COVID during much of 2020. When Biden arrived in Washington, D.C., in 2021, he started asking his Democrat friends in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House what to do to get America rolling again.

Economists, Republicans, families with kids, and every business owner in America was screaming, “Lift the lockdowns! Let us take off our masks and get back to work and school!” But Biden/Harris and Tester had a better idea: “*Let’s ‘stimulate’ the economy with money we don’t have.*”

So in March 2021 the Congressional Budget Office reports that our Senator Tester voted to spend \$1.9 trillion (*on top* of the federal budget that year of \$6.8 trillion) on the Biden “stimulus relief package” (also known as his “Build Back Better” plan).

That’s a nearly 30% increase in federal spending in a single year . . . nearly **\$9 trillion** in spending in 2021 alone . . . at a time when America only had about \$4 trillion to spend on anything.

I won’t make your eyes roll back into your head with examples of “how much a trillion is.” Numbers of this size are simply not understandable. All we need to know is that whenever the government spends money it doesn’t have, it borrows the money from the world . . . or simply prints more money on the presses in the basements of the Bureau of Engraving & Printing in Washington, D.C., and Ft. Worth, Texas.

And *that* unleashes inflation.

And we all know what inflation does to our gas tanks and kitchen tables and kids’ school clothes budgets.

You want to be smarter than Senator Tester and President Biden/VP Harris when it comes to inflation? Just remember the *most* important lesson that President Reagan learned from the smartest economist in the world in the last century.

Conservative Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman taught President Reagan decades ago that there is only one (1) cause of inflation: federal government spending and borrowing. It’s *not* you raising prices on chewing gum at your convenience store, *not* you asking

for a raise at work to keep up with rising prices, *not* the gas station down the street charging more for diesel, *not* “greedy corporations”—*only* government spending. Period.

So the inflation bonfire had been lit. And although we got a couple of small federal government “stimulus” checks, they were more than eaten up by soaring prices in our everyday life. Inflation in 2022 hit its highest rate in America in *50 years*.

Senator Tester and his stimulus brothers *panicked*. When President Biden woke up from a nap a year later, in August 2022 the president proposed (and “our Jon” voted for) the “Inflation Reduction Act.” Tester tweeted that the Inflation Reduction Act “will reduce our national deficit and bring down health care and energy costs—all without raising taxes on working families. It’s a fully paid-for inflation fighter that’ll keep more money in your pockets.” Really?

*A Big Mac in Bozeman that month cost \$4.23; a Big Mac in Bozeman today costs \$6.29.* Where I grew up, we have a phrase for that: “That dog won’t hunt.”

Jon’s support of Biden/Harris has

meant that Montana families might have to borrow against their homes to take their families out for a burger. That’s not a “happy meal.”

*Since President Biden arrived in office and Senator Tester started helping him, prices for everything in America have gone up almost 20%. And stayed there. Average salaries and wages have fallen 2.5%. And stayed there.*

Even more insulting? The Biden/Harris Democrats’ Inflation Reduction Act spent *another* \$891 billion, with Senator Tester explaining that it would somehow reduce inflation by “lowering prescription drug costs”? How does federal spending lower drug costs? Giving us back some of the taxes we paid just to pay for our prescriptions? (And even *that* didn’t work—a year later, drug prices had fallen only a penny on the dollar.) What about my Big Macs and Oreos prescriptions?

What \$783 billion of these inflation reduction dollars were *actually* spent on was “green energy”/“climate change” programs—for electric vehicles that we don’t want and that no one needs. (Oh, we’re going to talk about this in another

chapter . . . because Montana doesn't run on batteries.)

The serious, crippling effects of all this on real Montana family budgets hits us at the grocery store and in our home values (and mortgages).

For example, food companies responded to Tester/Biden/Harris inflation by making the chip packages or cereal boxes smaller but priced the same as the old packages. So we grocery shoppers who knew that a box of Cap'n Crunch was \$5 thought we were buying the same box . . . when in fact there was less "crunch per dollar" in that same box of cereal. You've probably heard of this and have now figured it out—economists had to come up with a new Tester/Biden/Harris word for this: "*Shrinkflation*."

But the real kick in our shins was in the housing market.

The rise in median home prices in Montana for the last four years is higher than 32 other states; and home mortgage interest rates in the "Tester/Biden/Harris Real Estate Office" has more than tripled from 2021 to 2024.

What does this mean for you and your kids? In 2020, your monthly mortgage

payment on your \$250,000 house/land was \$936. *After Senator Tester got through "helping" Biden/Harris battle inflation? That same mortgage payment today is \$1,713!*

A full year after voting for the "Inflation Reduction Act" (in 2023) despite the shocking impact of Biden's "inflation explosion act," Tester released another press release bragging that he was (once again) "*the only member of the Montana congressional delegation to vote for the Inflation Reduction Act.*" Do you really believe that Tester will change course now?

Those who really run Montana households (strong Montana women) have already answered that question. Earlier this year, nearly 2 out of 3 American women told *The Economist* magazine that they disapproved of Tester/Biden/Harris's handling of rising prices. (With nearly *all* of those women saying they "*strongly*" disapproved.)

The takeaway is this: Biden's "Build Back Better" boondoggle created the runaway inflation that his "Inflation Reduction Act" then tried to smother one year later. But the Inflation Reduction Act had *nothing* to do with inflation! And everything to do with subsidizing electric vehicles.



So everything in Biden/Harris's America soared in price between 2021 and today . . . with those prices now STUCK. Every *new* Biden/Harris "money give-away" (simply trying to keep us "even") has caused inflation to rise further.

And our Senator Tester voted for it all.

This will not end well. It will end with us facing smaller grocery carts and houses that we (and our children!) can't afford to buy.

I'll close with a story that might simply be funny if it didn't make me want to knock over the Eiffel Tower.

Part-time organic farmer/Senator Tester may be out of touch with our fast food and grocery prices because his preferred dining option in Washington, D.C., seems focused on Five-Star French cuisine.

I looked up our Jon's Federal Election Committee spending report for the last quarter of 2023 (the last report he filed before beginning his re-election campaign in earnest this year). While you and I were telling our kids that Walmart Great Value "Fruit Spins" were just as good as Fruit Loops, *Jon was dropping \$10,000 in campaign dollars at Bistro Cacao (an exclusive*

*French restaurant) in Washington, D.C., in October and November of last year.*

Senator Tester then continued his white linen tablecloth tour of "Europe on Capitol Hill" by spending \$4,227 on schnitzel at German restaurant Café Berlin. Then it was off to Spain (in Bellevue, Washington) where the sirloins at El Gaucho lightened Jon's saddlebags by \$3,486. He then peddled his way to the Saddle & Cycle Club in Chicago where he pumped \$6,770 into *those* bike tires (and appetizers). And that was all before winding up back in good ol' America with \$3,363 in steaks and cigars at Washington, D.C., dining landmarks Harvest Tide and Morton's.

Montana was not left off this "pre-holiday spirits" tour . . . with Jon leaving \$7,500 in Great Falls at the Enbar Craft Cocktail Lounge that October. Hooray for local liquor commerce.

That's **\$25,346 combined**. All in *just* the weeks leading up to Christmas in 2023! Do you remember how much you struggled to find decent toys on sale to put under the tree for your kids last year?

It's not just that Senator Tester can't afford you learning all of this stuff; it's

that Montana family budgets can't afford another six years of Jon Tester.

## *Chapter 3*

# **Pronouns Should Not Be Elementary School Surgical Instructions**

It came down to a fourth-quarter defensive stand, but last March the fighting Baker High School Lady Spartans *won* the Montana Class B 2024 High School Girls basketball championship!

Star Madison O'Connor went 17 for 19 shooting against the Missoula Loyola-Sacred Heart "Breakers" in the 58-44 victory, bringing home the first state championship since 2001 to the bursting-with-pride 1,802 wildly cheering citizens of Baker in eastern Montana. And Madison's parents were thrilled at the prospect of their junior year daughter and her team being able to repeat as state champions next year!

*But Senator Tester has moved to kill Madison's dream and has proudly voted to end moments like this for generations of future Montana girls.*

How? By fighting as hard for a federal law mandating that boys be allowed to compete in girls' sports . . . as Madison's Lady Spartans fought for their state basketball championship. What?

Back in 2019, Democrats in the then Democrat-controlled U.S. House of Representatives voted *unanimously* to pass "The Equality Act"—an act that public debate explicitly revealed would require high schools and colleges to include male athletes who identify as "transgender females" on girls sports teams.

The bill would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (designed to end racial segregation!) to make "sexual orientation and gender identity" protected characteristics under federal anti-discrimination law.

Few are troubled by the effects on "my" family from public policy related to "sexual orientation." Most live-and-let-live Montanans don't want to see gay or lesbian kids or adults discriminated against. The private romantic life of these Americans rarely if ever interferes with the lives, schools, or careers of the other 99% of Americans.

But allowing the 0.5–1.6% of Americans

who somehow identify as "transgender" (and will likely outgrow it) to assert an array of never-before-imagined rights would upend centuries of social order and medical gender science. And it will force millions of girls (and their parents!) to re-think how or if their little princesses can participate safely in sports.

The "transgender philosophy" embedded in The Equality Act has been rejected not just by commonsense parents, churches, the Vatican, gay and straight political leaders, teachers and coaches, but also by some of the most famous female athletes of the day. Women's tennis legend Martina Navratilova took to the pages of the *Washington Post* when the horribly misnamed Equality Act passed in 2019 to warn that it "would wreak havoc on women's sports."

The nine-time Wimbledon tennis champion was clear: "Yet the reality is that putting male- and female-bodied athletes together is co-ed or open sport. *And in open sport, females lose.*"

Why is this 2019 legislative history so important to Montana? *Because it means that our Jon Tester had three years to fully*

*understand what was in the bill . . . when he reversed two previous election campaign pledges to stand up for girls and instead decided to co-sponsor the Equality Act in the Senate in 2022!*

Imagine that in a re-match *next* year of *this* year’s High School Girls Championship Class B basketball game, the Loyola-Sacred Heart “Breakers” really did break the hearts of the Baker Lady Spartans . . . by recruiting a 6-foot 5-inch transgendered “female” who shaves, sings bass, and scores 50 uncontested points in the paint—and leaves *this* year’s star Madison bleeding with a broken nose in the lane from trying to guard Loyola-Sacred Heart’s “Lia” Thomas (the infamous transgendered “female” college swimmer breaking every women’s college swimming record . . . and the dreams of hundreds of elite female swimmers).

Videos of *exactly* this kind of transgendered physical carnage against high school and college girls on basketball courts and volleyball courts are everywhere on YouTube. (Just look up “transgender athlete injures female player.”)

But according to our Senator Tester (and all the national Biden/Harris Democrats),

the *only* problem in that scenario is if *you* had a problem with that scenario. How did we normal proud parents of high school and college girl athletes suddenly become the “bad guys”? We really are “through the looking glass, Alice.” And we’re *not* entering a “wonderland.”

*Oh, and lest we forget, once a boy who says he’s a girl is on your daughter’s team, this means that “she” joins your daughter in the showers after the game.* Not an exaggeration. Under the federal Equality Act law that Tester voted for, our high schools would be powerless to stop this.

Here’s the bill’s exact language: “No individual shall be denied access to a shared facility, including a restroom, a locker room, and a dressing room, that is in accordance with the individual’s gender identity”!

And this is already happening. Our neighbor to the north as the crow flies, Alaska, was home to an Equality Act-type “woke” Planet Fitness gym this year that cancelled the membership of a *woman* who objected to a “man identifying as a woman and shaving in the women’s locker room.” Forget women’s rights.

And all of this is before we delve into the horrors of the surgical removal of a teen’s sex organs, permanent sterility, in the name of “gender-affirming medical treatments.” It’s one thing when a “he/him” wants to dress as a “she/her.” It’s quite another when this impulse leads to the sharpening of scalpels to use on children who aren’t even old enough to drink.

Adults in America can generally do whatever they want within the law, no matter how much they may later regret it. But what about still-developing kids?

Our reasonable Montana legislature banned these kinds of “no turning back” gender-mutilating surgical procedures for Montana children (under 18) a couple of years ago. But, a Tester/Biden/Harris federal judge blocked this very commonsense law in September 2023. This nightmare here at home is still being sorted out as you read these words. And where is “our” Senator Tester in this child-saving fight?? Silent.

Fortunately, a new study just came out this year that found—despite the kind of hysterical screams you hear from Democrat pundits on cable news channels so high in the frequency spectrum that

only dogs can hear them—that almost all children who experience confusion about their gender outgrow it by the time they settle into their bodies and minds as young adults. There is no legitimate reason to rush to affirm gender dysphoria with harmful drugs and surgeries.

Nevertheless, on average, in America since 2016, roughly 900 kids per year have received permission from their parents (or gone behind their parents’ backs) to surgically remove healthy organs in a doomed attempt to become the *opposite* of the gender to which they were born.

It reminds me of a darkly funny line from the parody website The Babylon Bee: “*Democrats Warn Parents to Quickly Transition Their Kids Before They Grow Out of It.*” We *all* remember high school haircuts we regret . . . but these surgeries are the unkindest cut of all.

But the last straw for me is that our Jon Tester should know better. *Jon was chairman of the Big Sandy School Board for five years before he became our U.S. Senator!* Did *his* apparent “transformation surgery” into becoming a Biden/Harris Democrat erase all memories of *his* three

kids growing up and watching hundreds of families in Big Sandy raise *their* kids?

Are *other* Montana schools (and school boards!) in danger from Tester's Democrats and The Equality Act? The general direction of Tester's career in the Senate is a rather rapid evolution from being a politically moderate Montana music teacher and organic farmer to embracing the most extreme of "woke Biden/Harris sexual politics."

His claims of protecting the autonomy of local school boards translates (in real life) to *opposing* those same school boards that refuse to embrace the Biden/Harris Democrat national political and sexual agenda.

Can we please just have a return to normal??

For that to happen—or for Montana parents to be *in* the stands cheering on their daughters in the gym—may require that our Jon Tester be transitioned *out* of the U.S. Senate.

## Chapter 4

# Tester's Billionaires Aren't from Montana . . . They're from Massachusetts. So Who Does He Represent?

With the cruise set on 80 (okay, maybe 80+) making the forever drive across Montana on I-94 and I-90, I was blasting my favorite "Eagles" album and singing along at the top of my lungs. When the Joe Walsh ballad "*Life's Been Good To Me So Far*" came on, I started laughing at the opening line: "I have a mansion, forget the price, ain't never been there, they tell me it's nice."

But when Walsh gets to the next-to-last verse, it made me think of Jon Tester: "It's tough to handle this fortune and fame, everybody's so different; I haven't changed."

Because the *tens* of millions that Jon has spent on his campaigns and the *trillions* of

our tax dollars he's spent on . . . everything . . . *has* changed our former music teacher and part-time organic farmer in ways that are mostly invisible to us here back home but that have seemingly put as many miles between us and Jon as the distance between Glendive and Missoula. Because Jon's political money doesn't come from us.

Just a couple of bullet points from the Federal Election Commission that are difficult to understand:

- In just the last two years, Tester received *five times* as many campaign donations from Massachusetts *alone* . . . as he did from all Montanans *combined*.
- Tester's out-of-state campaign donations dwarf his "real Montanans" donations by a ratio of *10 to 1*.

"Our Jon" will have spent over \$50 million on his Montana Senate re-election campaign this year by the time you're reading these words. He'd raised \$25 million of that by December 2023, but hardly any of these dollars are from Montanans.

It's not the raw dollars (we all know how insanely expensive politics is these days) that's the issue. It's how the source of many of these dollars has changed how Jon thinks about key issues. It's how the source of these dollars has gotten ahold of Jon in ways that hold him apart from us.

In January of this year, Senator Tester tweeted: "That's why I'm working to . . . stop billionaires from buying our elections." But *at the same moment*, he was accepting massive campaign contributions from multiple billionaires like George Soros (who donates tens of millions to anti-police groups all across the country), Eric Schmidt (the former Google CEO who tracks everything about you), and Tom Steyer (a "climate activist" who'd like nothing more than to take away your gas-powered pickup—as you'll see in the very next chapter).

After Jon became chairman of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee a few years ago, he received \$160,000 in campaign funds from one particular defense company, and he said "thank you" by awarding that company a massive \$1.8 billion defense contract. I'm sure the planes

that Jon bought for our Air Force were great, but he used our tax dollars in a fairly blatant “you scratch my back/I’ll scratch yours” way.

In 2018, he was the top recipient of lobbyists’ cash in the *entire* Congress. Today he’s slipped . . . all the way to *second* place. What are all these lobbyists getting for their money? Because it ain’t for improving life in Montana.

“Our Jon” has received more donations for his campaign *this year* from the commercial banking industry (\$161,000) and venture capitalists (\$222,080) than any other U.S. Senator in the entire country up for re-election this year. For what? Lowering the mortgage rates on our homes? Helping us start new businesses? I wish.

In one particularly disturbing turnaround, Tester supported a ban on Communist Chinese-owned TikTok in *early 2023* saying that Montana has “plenty of grounds” to ban the app and to hold TikTok accountable for the “treasonous” things it’s done. Attaboy, Jon! But by *late 2023*, Tester had reversed course, telling KGVO NewsTalk Radio in Missoula, “I’m

not really big on banning anything.” The only thing that changed between these two pronouncements? The TikTok donations to Tester’s re-election campaign. So even treason disappears if the check clears.

A political opponent this past January was harsh in commenting on our Jon’s time in the Senate since we first elected him in 2006: “Tester got six times richer and became a multimillionaire as a career politician hobnobbing with lobbyists and voting like New York’s third Senator for nearly two decades . . . in exchange for millions of liberal super PAC and out-of-state dark money from progressive billionaires trying to buy Montana’s elections.”

Ouch.

One Montana voter (and former supporter) responded to Tester’s claim that “I’m a true Montanan just going to Washington to fight for the people who voted for me.” The small-town business owner told the Associated Press this year: “It seems like he lost his footing.”

Jon may be slipping, but it’s hard to disagree that “life’s been good to him so far.” The question is, is Senator Tester’s Washington, D.C., life still good for us?



## Chapter 5

# Montana Ranches Can't Run on Batteries

As fans of superhero movies know, the villain in the Marvel Comics box-office smash *Avengers: End Game* was the intergalactic tyrant Thanos.

Thanos had become obsessed with his belief that there were simply far too many living beings in the galaxy consuming far too many natural resources. Sure, every planet was thriving and every Earthling, Martian, Klingon, and Romulan was happy . . . but only because they just didn't understand what a "burden" they had become upon nature.

So Thanos devised a plan to gather five all-powerful gems ("Infinity Stones" for us comic book geeks) that would allow him to simply wipe out *half* of the population of the galaxy with a snap of his fingers. *And he did it.*

Thanos didn't care who died or what

his "natural resource preservation obsession" would do to the beings scattered across the galaxy who survived. He was a climate extremist who was simply smarter than everyone else.

When President Biden and VP Harris proposed wiping out all gas-powered cars and trucks in the next 10 years (and shuttering America's fossil fuel industry), it dawned on me: ***President Biden is Thanos. Harris is in his weird entourage.***

And *just* like in the movie, today's Biden/Harris Democrats want to wipe out 50% of economic life here in Montana.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Statistics, *petroleum refining, gasoline & petroleum bulk stations, oil & gas drilling and extraction . . . and new car dealerships . . . account for nearly half of Montana's annual \$50 billion in gross domestic product.*

So are you part of the 50% of Montana life that will be wiped out when President "Thanos" snaps his fingers? Or are you part of the 50% who will survive, wandering in the economic wasteland of the remnants of the Montana economy?

*More importantly, will our Senator*

*Tester be an “Avenger” and try to save us??*  
Or merely one of the Thanos minions who mindlessly agrees to the carnage . . . not wanting to anger the all-powerful “woke” Democrat climate extremists who dream dreams of imaginary climate catastrophes (and who’ve never met a payroll)?

Our Jon is in shape to help—he sits on the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee after all—and after years of heavy “campaign expense account” fancy restaurant dining he does kinda sorta resemble a white “Hulk.”

But Senator Tester refuses to put on the purple pants and save us. He’s not even trying. Or equally bad for us, he’s being ignored. (*Real Avengers can never be ignored.*)

Biden’s 2035 “Electric Vehicle” mandate is supported by Senate Democrats . . . and these “woke Biden/Harris Democrats” are NOT listening to Jon Tester when he even *tries* to explain how much bigger 5,000 Montana acres are than a five-block walk to Starbucks from a yoga class in Manhattan.

Here’s how bad an electric truck mandate is for real Montanans. And every

guy at every truck stop, feed lot, or city with fewer than 50,000 neighbors already knows it:

Whether you drive a Ford F-150 or Chevy Silverado or Dodge Ram, you know that with a full tank of gas you can drive 400 miles and tow 8,200–14,000 pounds of cargo the whole way. In sun, rain, or Montana snow.

But an electric Ford F-150 Lightning has an average range of *less than* 100 miles in cold weather we have a lot of here. And can haul *less than* one-fifth as much as a gas-powered F-150 workhorse. That’s two snowmobiles to the edge of your neighbor’s ranch. One way. Don’t get your skirt caught on the trailer.

*Nobody* wants to buy a battery-powered pickup truck! Last year Ford sold 750,789 gas-powered F-150s. It’s *thinking* about making 83,000 Ford Lightnings *this* year. (Solely because of threats from Washington, D.C.—not because real men want them.) The market (and real life) has spoken.

Who in America thinks that outlawing gas-powered cars *is* a good idea? Gallup pollsters last April actually asked. Less

than 1 out of 10 Americans were “strongly in favor.” And who *are* these pony-tailed, sandal-wearing super fans? Those who earn *over* \$150,000/year, live in cities with a charging station next door to their office, and have never felt a sub-zero temp in their lives. In other words, folks just like us. Right.)

Here’s the point: if President “Thanos” forces us real Montanans to buy a battery-powered pickup truck anyway, there are only 121 charging stations in all of Montana! And these are *all* in only four cities: Missoula, Bozeman, Helena, and Great Falls.

For all you ranchers and school teachers and gas station attendants in Glasgow, Miles City, Kalispell, or even Butte . . . good luck and good night. Hopefully your phone is fully charged so you can call for a ride home when your “Biden/Harris Democrat-mandated” battery-powered truck dies. Or your gas station closes because it’s illegal to sell gas to . . . anyone.

*What has been Tester’s response to the Biden EV mandates?* In February 2024 his office in an official press release bragged that he sponsored a bill to require

“American-made charging stations” for electric vehicles rather than *Chinese-made* charging stations! So Tester’s response to Chinese spy balloons floating through Montana airspace is to make *sure* that at least those Commies don’t manufacture our truck-sized electric outlets.

“Hulk” Tester does *not* “smash.”

Senator Tester tried to distract from his Biden/Harris Democrat electric vehicle mandate (and his “no Chinese charging station” victory) by emphasizing that related legislation secured \$2 billion in Montana highway funds. The irony is lost on him that these roads will be beautiful . . . because none of us will have workable cars and trucks to actually drive on them.

(Last April, “our Jon” was given permission by Biden’s White House to vote against one of the rules that would wipe out gas-powered pickups. Also on the short “permission list” was the Democrat Senator from Ohio who’s also up for re-election this year . . . and has multiple truck plants in his home state. A cynical political “hall pass.”)

The meaning of this radical battery-powered truck mandate for Montana

is a real life horror movie—not a silly comic book story. Kimberly Strassel of the *Wall Street Journal*, who actually lives in Alaska, is spot-on: a ban on gas-powered cars and trucks “means the end of entire lifestyles that require reliability, distance and towing power—boating, hunting, fishing, off-roading, camping, snow machining and horse hauling.” Montana as we know it would be gone.

The final “insult to battery-powered truck injury” is when these attacks on oil and gas collide with Tester/Biden/Harris Democrat inflation at the pump *today*. Take a glance at how much we’ve been paying to fill the tank of our soon-to-be-illegal gas-powered vehicles over the course of Jon Tester’s “powerful career” in Washington, D.C.

- When we *first* elected Jon in 2007, average gasoline prices in Montana were **\$2.12/gallon for regular unleaded** and \$3/gallon for diesel.
- In 2020 during Trump’s last year in office (and at the beginning of the COVID pandemic), average gas prices

in Montana fell to **\$1.55 for regular** and \$1.35 for diesel.

- In 2022, at the height of Tester/Biden/Harris political power (!), average gas prices in Montana were **\$4.98 for regular** and \$5.90 for diesel.
- And in 2024? When Tester is asking us to send him back to the U.S. Senate for a fourth term (and with Jon about to be in the minority in the Senate)? Average gas prices in Montana are “all the way down to” **\$3.98 for regular** and \$4.24 for diesel.

So, we’re contemplating the death of *half* of our Montana economy (and *all* of our work and leisure lifestyle). Due to the Tester/Biden/Harris war on fossil fuels and love affair with battery-powered trucks, we have the “privilege” of bleeding out our last family dollars at the pump. Our wallets and our tanks should run dry at about the same time.

Thanks for the past 18 years, Jon. My budget and soon-to-be-illegal gas-powered pickup are both breaking down. And no superhero is coming to my rescue.

## *Chapter 6*

# **Your Position on Life Is Not Extreme**

The old joke around these parts is that a “Montana mixed marriage” is when a University of Montana “Grizzly” marries a Montana State “Bobcat.” The point being that we all know a spouse with an unsavory past that (jokingly) never gets discussed in polite company. Or there’s the spouse with an old friend who isn’t part of our lives today . . . and who would bring joy to our lives by never coming to dinner.

Our U.S. Senatorial “spouse” Jon Tester has a couple of friends like that. “Our Jon” has a 100% rating from both the viciously pro-abortion Planned Parenthood and the even angrier “Reproductive Freedom for All” (who had to change their name in 2023 from “NARAL Pro-Choice America”). But unlike a real old friend, if either of these “old Tester friends” shows up in Montana,

there’s going to be a lot fewer chairs around the family dinner table when they leave.

Abortion has not been as divisive an issue in Montana as it has been in other states because an overwhelming majority of Montanans embrace public policies that reflect our pro-family values while making accommodations for our neighbors who might have different beliefs.

Like most of America, just over 75% of Montanans think that in some cases there should be some kind of access to abortion. But also like most of America, just over 75% of Montanans “personally believe” that abortion is the taking of a child’s life.

Our Montana Supreme Court struck a balance between “fetal viability” (when life can be sustained outside the womb) and “right to privacy” (the right to an abortion) by allowing abortions in Montana up to the 24th week of pregnancy. Some Republicans in our legislature want to move up that date to when a baby’s heart-beat can be detected, and I’m sure that will be debated.

Senator Tester’s position on this hot button issue has been all over the map. The fear is that Jon’s old Planned Parenthood/

NARAL friends might persuade him to support an abortion position in Congress that would shock Montana families: *virtually no limits or restrictions whatsoever, even up to the moment of birth.*

There's room for concern here. While Senator Tester has voted to *block* every conservative U.S. Supreme Court Justice put before him (Justice Gorsuch, Justice Kavanaugh, and Justice Barrett), he's voted to *confirm* the three radical pro-abortion liberals (Justice Sotomayor, Justice Kagan, and Justice Jackson).

See if you don't agree with me on this complicated issue:

When a baby can live on its own outside the womb and is not the product of rape or incest (and with the pregnancy not threatening the mother's life), abortion should generally be illegal.

The "rape, incest, and life of the mother exceptions" account for only 7 out of every 100 abortions in America.

If we added these exceptions on top of Montana's current allowance for abortion until the 24th week of pregnancy, we've just described a position that enjoys the support of over 85% of the American

public—and would cut today's rate of abortion *more* than in half.

Only fans of infanticide believe in abortion up until the moment of birth—with one infamous gubernatorial Democrat in Virginia in 2021 even extending that deadline until 24 hours *after* birth . . . just to see what the mother thought of her newborn!

Abortion is—and will remain—legal in all 50 states in certain circumstances.

The issue before America is not an "abortion ban" in the wake of the repeal of *Roe v. Wade*—it's simply deciding on a commonsense understanding about this difficult issue, as we've done here in Montana, and then acting humanely.

This decision will now be made by each state, responding to the beliefs of its citizens. So the government closest to the voices of its people governs life (in every sense) within its borders.

And what are our neighbors across America telling their state legislators? Voters have demonstrated that they're content with allowing abortions up to a certain point and then only with three exceptions. We don't want babies ready to live outside the womb being aborted. We

want parents to be able to be involved in their minor daughter's medical decisions.

*If you're nodding your head as you read this, please rest assured that you are not an "extremist!"* It's sometimes hard to remember this when the screams of Senator Tester's activist big donor Washington, D.C., friends on this issue fill our television screens.

What's remarkable is how Americans in every walk of life have been able to separate their feelings about life from every other pressing issue of the day—open borders, runaway inflation, or protecting our daughters' locker rooms. I can have an opinion about abortion—and *still* be wildly concerned about a range of other issues that affect my family around the kitchen table.

The question we're left with on the issue of life is simply this: do regular Montanans want their sole Democrat U.S. Senator so out of touch with us and the overwhelming majority of the Montanans next door on this issue, because his big money donors want it that way? Or should we tell Senator Tester that on the issue of life, it might be time for *him* to choose . . . another career?

## *Conclusion*

### **A Tale As Old As Time**

Listening in the background as your kids (or grandkids) watch the original animated (and best) *Beauty and the Beast* for the millionth time, you probably find yourself humming along with Angela Lansbury to that classic movie's theme song: "A tale as old as time . . ." as Beauty falls in love with Beast.

Belle's loving support over time reveals that her Beast is actually a handsome prince trapped in a castle.

Jon Tester's career in his "Senatorial castle" since 2006 has followed the same story line . . . *only in reverse*. He started out as our "Montana rancher prince," wearing jeans and cowboy boots—he was just like us. But he has abused our loving support over the years to reveal that in real life, he has become a 2024 "Washington, D.C., Biden/Harris beast."

"Our" senator has come to believe that coveted political donations from people

and companies and activists who couldn't find Montana on a map are more important than the lives we live here—back home. He's rushing to embrace strange Washington, D.C., political forces that are hugely out of step with the way Montanans really live.

Or *try* to live. Senator Tester has helped Joe Biden and Kamala Harris open our borders, destroy our family grocery budgets, take away our trucks, and threaten our kids' school years in ways that are frankly unimaginable. Life as we've known it forever here in Big Sky country is threatened by another Tester/Biden/Harris term.

It's been said that a typical "woke" Biden/Harris voter is a college-educated divorced woman with three cats who carries a National Public Radio tote bag to Whole Foods and wears a mask when driving alone in her electric car.

Do *you* have any neighbors like that? Neither do I.

When Jon tells us that he understands us, supports our veterans, and enjoys his small organic farm here at home, I want to believe him. The problem is that for every real Montanan that Jon Tester calls

friend, he's accumulated *two* friends in Washington, D.C., who know and support "the *other* side of Jon Tester." And Jon's become dependent upon *them* for campaign donations and job security and popularity.

And *those* friends are making our groceries and homes unaffordable, are endangering our towns and national security, and are attacking the traditional family values that we've long taken for granted.

Jon Tester isn't a bad man. He's just become a typical politician and a Biden/Harris Democrat. And that really is "a tale as old as time."