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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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Dear President Trump:

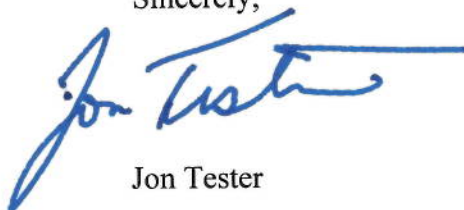
I write to you regarding the ongoing challenge of ensuring affordable, accessible health care to all Americans. Any healthcare reform legislation, whether it builds off the work of the Affordable Care Act or starts from scratch, will have a massive impact on our economic security and the lives and livelihoods of everyday Americans, and it deserves careful, open, bipartisan discussion. The Affordable Care Act did many responsible things for Americans' health care—it protected young people by giving them access to their parents' insurance, it guaranteed access to health care for folks with pre-existing conditions like diabetes and cancer, and it provided health insurance to more Montanans than we have ever seen.

But it's clear we have more work to do to. I hope policymakers commit to working across the aisle and listening to concerns and perspectives from all parts of our country—especially from rural and frontier communities in states like Montana. As you consider options for making health care more affordable and accessible, I am more than happy to sit down with you to provide that perspective. For me and so many Montanans, addressing health care isn't about scoring political points but rather working together to do what's right.

Over the past few months I have held more than a dozen listening sessions across Montana with patients, providers, and public health officials. These folks know what's working and what's not working with our current system, and I am eager to bring their ideas and concerns directly to you.

When it comes to health care, our families and our economy depend on us putting politics aside and working together to find commonsense solutions to lower costs, protect Medicare and increase access to life-saving medical care. I hope that you and I will have the chance to work together on behalf of these families and the rural communities they proudly call home.

Sincerely,



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