

SENATOR JON TESTER

Fighting for Campaign Finance Reform

Jon holds himself, Washington, and corporations accountable to the people of Montana. Jon is leading the charge on campaign finance reform in Congress. In 2017, Jon was awarded the prestigious James Madison Award for his efforts to increase public access to government information. This Congress, Jon has introduced a number of bills to shine a light on campaign contributions and stop the flow of dark money into our elections.

The Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity [E-File] Act

Every quarter Senate candidates file thousands of pages of financial disclosure reports—by hand—with the Secretary of the Senate. Filing reports by hand not only costs taxpayers nearly \$900,000 a year, but it delays public access to these reports, sometimes for months. That's why Jon introduced the *Senate Campaign Disclosure Parity—or E-File—Act*, requiring Senate candidates to file their campaign finance reports with the FEC electronically, instead of by hand. This legislation will increase transparency, allow the public to hold candidates accountable, and save the taxpayer money.

Corporations Aren't People Constitutional Amendment

In its now infamous *Citizens United* decision, the Supreme Court declared that when it comes to free speech, corporations are people—people like a rancher from Sidney, a nurse in Kalispell, or a school teacher in Anaconda. This decision paved the way for unlimited and basically unregulated spending by corporations in our elections. That's why Jon has introduced a constitutional amendment to state what should be obvious: Corporations aren't people and they should not be able to spend unlimited amounts of money trying to influence our elections and our democracy.

The Honest Ads Act

When it comes to political campaigns, all print, television, and radio advertising must include a disclaimer that tells voters, viewers, or listeners who paid for the ad. But, because these rules were put in place before the internet became big, digital advertising has fallen through the cracks. That's why Jon is sponsoring the *Honest Ads Act*, which would require the same disclaimers on digital ads and make Montana common sense the law of the land.

DISCLOSE Act of 2018

Thanks to *Citizens United* all sorts of organizations, like corporations, off-shore companies, labor organizations, and super PACs, can now donate more and report less. That's why Jon introduced the *Democracy Is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections (DISCLOSE)* Act. This bill requires organizations who participate in political activity to promptly disclose their donors who give more than \$10,000 during an election cycle.

Spotlight Act

Jon is leading the charge in the Senate to overturn the U.S. Treasury Department's recent decision to allow certain political non-profits to hide their donors. Jon's bill reverses the decision, forcing these dark money groups to disclose to the IRS and to the public the names of donors who give more than \$5,000. This legislation will shine light on the folks who are trying to influence elections.

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