

# United States Senate

January 24, 2023

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell:

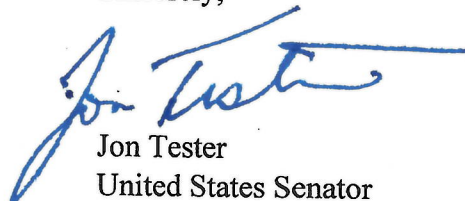
I write to express my strong opposition to H.R. 25 and inform you that I will use the rights afforded to me to defeat this legislation if it comes before the U.S. Senate. This awful proposal would effectively create a 30 percent national sales tax. We don't have a sales tax in Montana, and we don't need the federal government imposing one on us.

Earlier this month, House Republicans introduced H.R. 25 and reportedly have an agreement with Speaker McCarthy to hold a vote on this tax bill. According to the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center, this national sales tax would likely hit middle- and lower-income families harder than the current income tax system. The report goes on to highlight that parents would be increasingly burdened by the plan as well. I am not going to let politicians in Washington, D.C. raise taxes on hardworking Montanans.

Working families are getting killed by inflation, health care costs, and rising housing prices. The last thing they need is the creation of a national sales tax that would drive up costs for everything from gas to groceries.

Instead of considering a reckless national sales tax, Congress should be focused on cutting taxes for small businesses and working families so they can keep more of what they earn. If brought to the U.S. Senate floor, I will take on anyone to defeat H.R. 25 on behalf of Montanans.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester  
United States Senator