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Dear Fellow Montanans:

Thank you for your leadership and advocacy on behalf of our state. Today I write to seek your direct input on specific infrastructure priorities in your communities. Our nation faces a number of infrastructure challenges. I strongly believe that we must address these challenges by gathering input from local leaders, like you, who know where investments are most needed. That's why I am asking you to please send me your ideas and priorities on infrastructure to infrastructure@tester.senate.gov.

As I travel across Montana and meet with folks face-to-face, I frequently hear about the critical need to invest in safe roads, bridges, reliable water systems, modern schools and hospitals, affordable housing and accessible broadband. While it is always impressive to see the work Montana communities are doing to make the most of limited resources, it is clear that significant investments are needed to ensure that Montana can continue to compete in a global economy. We simply cannot afford to stand idle while other countries make massive upgrades to close the gap on America's infrastructure advantage.

With your input, I look forward to working with President Trump and my colleagues on both side of the aisle on responsibly improving our infrastructure. Montana needs an infrastructure plan that will make direct investments into your communities, help you break ground on pressing projects, and avoid gimmicky promises that won't provide you with meaningful resources. Infrastructure plans based on revenue raising measures such as toll roads may work in New York City and Washington DC, but it would be a non-starter in Montana.

Please consider submitting your comments by Friday, February 9, as I anticipate the 2018 infrastructure policy debate will be underway soon. Your priorities, suggestions, and concerns will be extremely valuable to me as I fight for Montana in this upcoming debate. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester