

Stronger Borders, Safer Montana

# How Jon's Strengthening our Homeland Security



As Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, Jon takes a lead role in writing the funding bill for the Department of the Homeland Security. Jon is fighting for a more secure border, increased manpower and technology, and local law enforcement grants to keep communities safe. Jon knows that our nation is only as secure as our weakest link. That's why he is relentless in ensuring the northern and southern borders are strong.

## ***Border and Port Security Act***

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is facing a staffing shortage and cannot effectively keep our nation secure when it is lacking manpower and resources. That's why Jon introduced the Border and Port Security Act, requiring CBP to hire additional officers at ports of entry until their staffing shortage of nearly 3,600 officers is addressed.

## ***Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act***

Jon authored and passed into law the Border Patrol Agent Pay Reform Act to provide more reliable pay and work schedules for Border Patrol agents. This law saves taxpayer dollars while increasing manpower along our northern and southern borders.

## ***Closing Communication Gaps***

Law enforcement officers rely on consistent communication along Montana's 545-mile border with Canada. That's why Jon is pushing to eliminate communication "dead zones" that exist along the northern border.

## ***Department of Homeland Security***

Jon voted to confirm both of President Trump's Homeland Security Secretaries, Gen. John Kelly and Kirstjen Nielsen. Jon also hosted former Deputy Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas in Montana to highlight the importance of protecting the northern border and ending human trafficking.

***“Montana shares nearly 540 miles of border with Canada and we need to have a plan to keep this country safe from threats regardless of where they are coming from. //”***

## ***Supporting Local Law Enforcement***

Jon is fighting to secure funding for Operation Stonegarden and the State Homeland Security Program, which both provide grants to local law enforcement agencies to help strengthen the northern border. The grants totaled nearly \$8 million in preparedness funding to outfit Montana police departments, enhance and sustain emergency management capabilities at local levels, and facilitate cooperation between local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement.

U.S. SENATOR FOR MONTANA

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