

# Fighting Substance Abuse & Addiction in Montana

## Opioid Response Enhancement Act

As part of his ongoing effort to combat drug abuse and addiction across Montana, Jon has introduced the **Opioid Response Enhancement Act**. This bill would invest \$12 billion in helping states combat the addiction crisis by reauthorizing the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR) Grant Program for the next five years. The STR Program was originally established by the **21st Century Cures Act** in 2016. After hearing about the success Montana's STR Grant recipients have had over the last year, Jon wants to ensure these organizations have the funding they need to continue their work.

## ANTI-Drugs Act

As a border state, Montana's law enforcement officers are on the front lines in the fight to keep illegal drugs out of our country. Our cops, sheriffs, and border patrol agents work hard, but often lack the resources they need. That's why Jon introduced the **Assisting Narcotics and Trafficking Officers in Interdicting (ANTI) Drugs Act**. This bill will reauthorize three critical grant programs to help combat the drug epidemic in hard-hit parts of the state and stop drugs from coming across the border.

## Comprehensive Addiction & Recovery Act

In 2016, Tester sponsored the **Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA)**, a bill to help combat the nation's escalating addiction crisis. The bill, which was signed into law, expanded efforts to prevent the abuse of opioids, meth, and other dangerous drugs and authorized \$5 million a year for community-based intervention and treatment efforts. This year, Jon secured \$330 million in CARA funding to support initiatives like drug treatment courts, outpatient rehabilitation programs, and prescription drug monitoring.

## Health Care Reform

Jon fought tirelessly to pass and protect **health care reform**, which specifically required insurers to cover treatment for addiction and prohibited insurers from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions, including drug addiction. Jon's efforts also lead to **Medicaid expansion**, enabling 96,000 Montanans to access affordable coverage that covers addiction services.

In 2017,

**\$15**  
million

Jon secured over  
in SAMHSA funding to  
combat addiction across  
Montana. This funding includes:

**\$2.3 million**

for drug treatment courts  
& rehabilitation programs

**\$500,000**

for drug free community  
support programs

**\$3 million**

to prevent & treat drug  
& alcohol abuse among  
teens & young adults

**\$2 million**

to combat the meth &  
opioid epidemics

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