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Dear Jim,

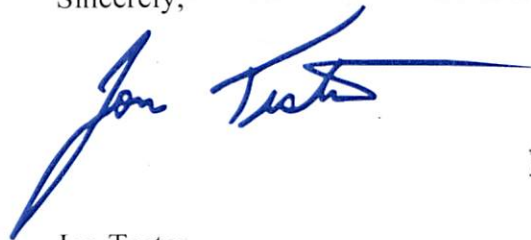
Thank you for contacting me about climate change. I appreciate your concerns.

In Montana, we have a constitutional right to a clean and healthful environment, and I take that very seriously. That's why it's very concerning that we are already feeling the economic impacts of climate change. Across the state, I have seen increasingly expensive wildfire seasons, droughts threatening the bottom line of our agricultural producers, and floods and extreme weather impacting our homes, roads, and basic infrastructure. Climate change not only threatens our environment and way of life, but it also threatens our economy. Our state's number one industry, agriculture, needs clean air and clean water to thrive, and our hunting and fishing economies are dependent on healthy fisheries and wildlife.

With these challenges, also come opportunities. I believe that Montana can be a leader in the new energy economy. That's why I continue to support tax credits for wind and solar energy development, as well as carbon capture and sequestration technology. I am also continuing to fight to streamline permitting for wind, solar, and geothermal energy on public lands. I will continue to pursue an all-of-the-above energy strategy that expands our domestic energy production, creates jobs, and reduces our greenhouse gas emissions.

You have my commitment that I will continue to be a responsible voice in the Senate to strengthen our economy and ensure Montana is here for future generations. Please don't hesitate to contact me again if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester
United States Senator

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