

Jon Tester was the number one recipient of campaign contributions from lobbyists and has raked in millions in cash from special interests - more than any other member of the United States Senate.

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- In 2018, the Associated Press confirmed that Jon Tester “was the top recipient in Congress of money from lobbyists for a time.” “The Republican group got it right – Tester was the top recipient in Congress of money from lobbyists for a time, according to campaign contribution data compiled by the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics.” (Matthew Brown, “AP FACT CHECK: Tester did rank No. 1 in cash from lobbyists,” [AP](#), 9/10/18)
- In 2012, Tester was also the top recipient of lobbyist contributions, receiving \$544,060.

Top 20 Members	
Candidate	Amount
Tester, Jon (D-MT)	\$544,060
Boehner, John (R-OH)	\$445,900
Menendez, Robert (D-NJ)	\$416,772
Kaine, Tim (D-VA)	\$410,415
Gillibrand, Kirsten (D-NY)	\$408,350
Cantwell, Maria (D-WA)	\$404,986
Hatch, Orrin G (R-UT)	\$393,727
Nelson, Bill (D-FL)	\$377,866

(2012 Lobbyist Donations, [Open Secrets](#), Accessed: 3/21/23)

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- Since 2021, Jon Tester has taken in more than \$1 million from special industry groups. “The senator’s campaign touts his fundraising, which totaled \$8 million since 2021, as a ‘grassroots effort’ powered by Montanans. Tester has also received over \$1 million from industry groups, including those representing the financial industry, pharmaceutical corporations, defense contractors and boutique lobbying firms.” (Stephen Groves, “Defense industry dollars flowed to a Democratic senator after he gained a key role on spending,” [Associated Press](#), 6/23/23)
- Tester has taken over \$7 million from Political Action Committees (PACs).

Cycle	Amount
2022	\$845,749
2020	\$387,513

2018	\$2,428,125
2016	\$878,601
2014	\$413,250
2012	\$2,390,462
2010	\$314,085
Total:	\$7,657,785

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Jon Tester is a top recipient from the following industries in the 2023 - 2024 election cycle:

Abortion Rights (#1)

Book, newspaper & periodical publishing (#1)

Business Services (#1)

Civil Servants (#1)

Commercial Banks (#1)

Computer software (#1)

Democratic leadership PAC (#1)

Electronics Mfg/Eqp (#1)

Environment (#1)

Lawyers/Law Firms (#1)

Leadership PACs (#1)

Misc Services (#1)

Motion Picture production & distribution (#1)

Nutritional & dietary supplements (#1)

Publishing (#1)

Real Estate (#1)

Recorded Music & music production (#1)

Savings & Loans (#1)

TV/Movies/Music (#1)

Venture capital (#1)

(OpenSecrets, [Jon Tester: Industries: 2024](#), accessed 2/2/24)