

INTRODUCING THE ANTI DRUGS ACT

As a border state, Montana 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 is introducing the **Assisting Narcotics and Trafficking Officers in Interdicting (ANTI) Drugs Act**. This bill will reauthorize three critical grant programs that our law enforcement officers count on to combat drugs and fight crime in our communities.

High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Grants

HIDTA Grants fund regional task forces made up of members from local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies that combat the drug epidemic in hard-hit communities. Montana is home to five regional task forces—operating in Cascade, Flathead, Lewis and Clark, Missoula and Yellowstone Counties—that receive almost \$1 million in HIDTA grants each year. Jon successfully maintained funding for HIDTA, despite White House efforts to gut funding for the program earlier this year.

This year, Jon helped secure \$280 million for HIDTA Grants.

The **ANTI Drugs Act** would authorize funding of up to \$300 million annually for the HITDA grant program through 2023.

Operation Stonegarden Grants (OPSG)

The OPSG program provides funding to enhance cooperation between local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies that defend our nation's borders. Jon secured more than \$1 million in Operations Stonegarden Grants for 14 communities—including Blaine, Daniels, Dawson, Flathead, Glacier, Hill, Lincoln, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Toole and Valley Counties—across northern Montana last year. Jon successfully increased funding for OPSG by 55%.

This year, Jon helped secure \$85 million for Operation Stonegarden.

The **ANTI Drugs Act** would increase funding for Operation Stonegarden Grants to \$110 million annually.

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grants

The COPS program awards grants to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in an effort to reduce crime and advance public safety through community policing. Last year, five local law enforcement organizations—the Anaconda Deer Lodge County Police Department, the Beaverhead County Sheriff's Office, the Park County Sheriff's Office, the Teton County Sheriff's Office, and the Valley County Sheriff's Office—received COPS Grants to help hire new officers and combat everything from drug trafficking to drunk driving.

This year, Jon helped secure \$275 million for COPS grants.

The **ANTI Drugs Act** would reauthorize the COPS grants program at \$400 million a year for the next five years.

Jon also recently secured funding to help bolster law enforcement, fight crime, and treat addiction in the 2018 funding bill, including:

\$7.6 million

to hire 328 new Customs and Border Protection officers at our ports of entry to crack down on illegal drugs that are entering our country.

\$225 million

to install new technologies along the border that will detect drugs at our ports of entry.

\$20 million

for Byrne JAG Grants so state and local law enforcement departments can initiate new crime prevention measures.

\$1.8 billion

for substance abuse prevention and treatment to help folks overcome their addictions.

\$330 million

in Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Funds that support drug and treatment courts, substance abuse treatment for prison inmates, and prescription drug monitoring.

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