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From: ~~Dean Luptak~~  
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 12:22 PM  
To: ~~Dean Luptak~~  
Subject: Fwd: It's time to step up

Look at this email that I got. It was sent out to the whole UM student body. Pissed me off enough to email them back and asked them to take me off the list and not tell me how to cast my vote.

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From: Re-Elect Jon Tester <montanademocrats@mail.com>  
Date: Oct 29, 2018 3:08 PM  
Subject: It's time to step up  
To:  
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**COLLEGEDEMS**

Montana Student Body,

As you should know by now, the 2018 mid-term elections are a week away and college students all over the U.S. will be voting and deciding the future and fate of this country. Unfortunately, we have received news that there is a good portion of you not taking seriously enough the stakes in this election or being noncommittal as to whether you intend to participate in it. Worst yet, early-voting polls indicate that a healthy percentage of young, college-educated adults between the ages of 18-25 are in fact voting for *Republican candidates*. This behavior is absolutely unacceptable.

For decades the Democratic Party has had an alliance with the "youth vote" and the benefits of that allegiance are obvious: you have Democrats to thank for the education you are now receiving. It is the Democratic Party which has secured the necessary funding and resources that permit you to go to college; it is the Democratic Party that has advocated for meaningful education-related reform; it is the Democratic Party that has fought to expand course curriculum at all colleges and universities; and, frankly, it is the Democratic Party that believes in science -- of which many of you are majoring in.

Additionally, it is the Democratic Party that represents your interests and ideals, and is dedicated to being a strong voice for those things that you care about most: diversity-training and climate change education, LGBTQ rights, immigration and abolishing ICE, tougher gun laws, justice reform, hate speech and taking on and putting an end to the pernicious effect of *white privilege* in society and especially around college campuses throughout America.

In contrast, all the Republican Party seemingly has to offer you is a strong economy. Such is not a compelling enough reason to vote for Republican candidates -- after all, you are students, not entrepreneurs. You are supposed to be taking advantage of and enjoying college life, not worrying about jobs, stock portfolios, mortgages/taxes and other matters your parents tend to. A strong economy means next to nothing if is not accompanied by basic human decency and fairness to all.

So put down the pizza, beer and video games, get your butts off the sofas and bean bags, grab as many of your friends and classmates as you can find and *go vote for Democrat candidates!*

Luckily enough, in Montana, there is not many races we need to be concerned about but there is indeed a big one - the incumbent Democrat **U.S. Senator Jon Tester** is in a competitive race and needs all the help he can get (and that means *you*). This race could decide who controls the Senate. Senator Tester's Republican opponent is a

political novice who does not represent young Montanan values. On the other hand, Jon Tester has close to *thirty* years of experience in government and public policy (including the last *twelve* in this very senate seat which Republicans are trying to steal), has headed numerous committees, introduced and passed bills and have cultivated the professional relationships one must in Washington in order to get things done that benefits Montanans. You can and should support Senator Tester's campaign here.

The lone congressional race in the state has Democrat **Kathleen Williams** taking on the Republican incumbent Greg Gianforte, the congressman who body-slammed a reporter and needs to be removed from office immediately. Support her effort to unseat the thug here. Don't hesitate, just do it.

Like most people, I am not all that familiar with Montana so there is sure to be some state and local races where the Democrat candidates need your support also and you should definitely contact your university's local College/Young Democrats chapter or representative to be advised as to who you should vote for and, as well, do so if you are confused as to what district you live in and/or how to find your voting precinct. Their links are here:

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Let's stop being so naïvé, people, and start making a difference. ***Get out there and vote Democrat.*** No excuses.

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