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PROTECT MONTANA: AI PLEDGE

1. PROTECT OUR WALLETS

I will oppose any AI data center that raises our power bill by a single cent to cover the energy it uses, and any AI-driven pricing scheme that unfairly increases prices for Montanans.

My commitment: As Montana's Independent Voice in the U.S. Senate, I will fight for the Ratepayer Protection Act to legally block data center energy costs from being passed onto Montana families, and I will tie federal tax policies to ensuring that big tech companies and utilities are meeting their ratepayer protection obligations. Montana ratepayers should never subsidize a data center's power use, and no algorithm gets to charge one Montanan more than their neighbor for the same product.

2. PROTECT OUR LAND, WATER, AND WILDLIFE

I will oppose any AI data center that threatens Montana's water, our wildlife habitat, or our public land, and I will oppose companies that get to make that call in private, with no one from the community in the room.

My commitment: As Montana's Independent Voice in the U.S. Senate, I will fight for full transparency and public disclosure of every data center's real-time water and energy consumption, and for higher efficiency standards and the use of closed loop cooling systems. I'll vote no on any bill that tries to override local communities' zoning laws. Montana's water, wildlife and lands will never be treated as a cost of doing business, and no company gets to decide what happens to our land without Montanans in the room and making the final say.

3. PROTECT OUR WORKERS

I will oppose any company that automates away a Montanan's livelihood and walks away with all the profit while the worker gets nothing, and I will oppose out-of-state contractors getting the jobs a Montana project ought to create in the first place.

My commitment: As Montana's Independent Voice in the U.S. Senate, I will fight to ensure that companies profiting from AI displacement will owe real wage support and retraining to the workers they push out, and that no project gets built here without Montana labor doing the building.

4. PROTECT OUR KIDS

I will oppose letting AI chatbots become an unregulated, unsupervised presence in our kids' lives, with no rules, no accountability, and no adult in the loop.

My commitment: As Montana's Independent Voice the U.S. Senate, I will fight for real safety standards for AI products marketed to or used by children and meaningful accountability when a company's product causes a child harm. I will fight to ensure parents have the information and the tools to control what their kids are actually interacting with.

5. PROTECT OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

I will oppose leaving the systems that run our power grid, our water systems, and our critical infrastructure exposed to an AI-powered attack because Washington could not be bothered to write the rules in time.

My commitment: As Montana's Independent Voice in the U.S. Senate, I will fight for mandatory security standards for AI systems connected to critical infrastructure, and I will push for real investment in defending the systems Montanans depend on every day, before a bad actor finds the gap, not after. I will advocate for funding in our national defense budget for the Montana National Guard to fully develop their cyber capabilities to support the defense of infrastructure across our state.

6. PROTECT OUR HUMANITY

I will oppose letting the most powerful technology in a generation get released to the public without an independent review, testing, and certification that it is safe, and I will oppose a handful of companies deciding for the rest of us what risks are acceptable to take.

My commitment: As Montana's Independent Voice in the U.S. Senate, I will fight for mandatory, independent safety review and certification for major new AI models before they are released, the same baseline of scrutiny we would expect for any other technology powerful enough to reshape how people live, work, and think.