

United States Senate

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Thank you for allowing me to share a few words.

I want to recognize all of the staff and volunteers at the Global Peace Foundation for your commitment towards increasing civic dialogue. Conferences like this will help produce a new generation of leaders who are prepared to tackle the challenges facing our state, our nation and the world.

Like many of you, I am very concerned about the rhetoric we are hearing from folks on both sides of the aisle this election season. Proposing unconstitutional bans on immigrants entering the United States, or closing the door on families fleeing violence, will not make our country safer, and it does not reflect our American values. As your Senator I am pushing to promote our American values of opportunity, fairness, and hard work.

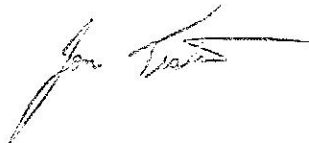
I strongly believe that we have a responsibility to our neighbors and the next generation to make more investments here at home, and to ensure we are only using military force as a final option.

I will also continue working to find common ground—even with folks I don't always agree with—and I will always hold those at the top accountable for the impact of their actions.

So again, I want to thank you for being involved and for working to find solutions to these significant issues.

Keep up the great work, and stay in touch.

Sincerely,



John Tester
United States Senator