

FALLON COUNTY SHERIFF

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To all citizens of Fallon County –

I am writing this letter in response to an ad that was placed in the Fallon County Times, (October 25, 2024) addition. This full-length ad, states that Senator John Tester “*secured funding for Fallon County first responders.*” This statement is inherently false and I would like to take a moment to dispel any rumors.

First, as the Sheriff of Fallon County and true to the virtue of this profession, it is imperative that regardless of political affiliation, we as the Fallon County Sheriffs are non-bias and do not support candidates and/or proposed measures and/or laws. Individuals may, on their accord, support individuals, but it is my stance and mission to not meddle in these affairs and ensure at all times that I am preserving, protecting and upholding the values of all citizens in Fallon County.

Second, as the Sheriff, I am a steward of tax paid dollars and therefore always attempt to procure funding through grants to alleviate the financial burden on Fallon County tax payers. In response to Senator Tester’s statement of “*securing funding*”, this is unequivocally false. I had discussions with our county commissioners and treasurer’s office and was advised Fallon County Sheriff’s Office received \$0 dollars. So, Senator Tester your statement is erroneous and I demand your acknowledgment of this being false.

This is absolutely unacceptable for the Fallon County Sheriff’s Office to be used as a political puppet for Senator Tester’s gain. The men and women of the Fallon County Sheriff’s Office, work tirelessly to ensure that all citizens are heard, protected and the pursuit of justice is in the forefront of each call of service. As Sheriff, I demand that Senator Tester cease and desist immediately the use of the Fallon County Sheriffs in likeness and by name. It should be noted that **no one** from Senator Tester’s office reached out to the Fallon County Sheriff’s Office. Furthermore, Senator Tester’s office used an image of one of our patrol vehicles from 11 years ago, that was posted on YouTube channel from the vendor that we purchased it from. The link will be provided, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XA6uv5eoTGs>

If anyone has any questions and/or concerns, my office door is always open, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trenton Harbaugh", written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Trenton Harbaugh