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Missoula Civic Hackathon Message
Missoula, MT
March 26, 2016

Thanks for inviting me to share a few words. I am sorry I am unable to join you this weekend.

It is great, when a community comes together and collaborates to solve problems.

Many of the issues you are addressing today and tomorrow are issues that folks in Washington need to tackle as well.

As the Senate's only working farmer, as well as your Senator, I know that we can no longer ignore issues such as sustainability, loss of fertile land, food production, land and water management, and climate change.

I have no doubt that there are some great minds here today, and I look forward to hearing your solutions to the problems that are facing our communities.

I have always believed that on-the-ground collaboration is the best way to force change and break through the gridlock.

I would like to thank the sponsors of the Missoula Hackathon, these folks are committed to lending a helping hand to their community.

Thank you again for bringing your ideas to the table.

I wish you the best, and stay in touch.

Sincerely,



Senator Jon Tester