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Montana Held the Line: Republicans Win U.S. Senate, Eastern House Seat and Both Chambers of the Legislature

HELENA, Mont. – Despite stiff national headwinds for Republicans to defy history, Montana voters again chose conservative leadership on Tuesday in Montana. They elected Kurt Alme to the U.S. Senate, returned Congressman Troy Downing to Washington, and kept Republican legislative majorities in both the Montana House and Senate.

"Across the country, Republicans faced a tough mid-term election. Montana was different," **said MTGOP Chairman Wittich**. "When Republicans run on results and show up in every corner of this state, Montanans stand with us.

Alme wins open Senate seat

Few Senate candidates in Montana history have entered a race on shorter notice, and few have been better prepared. Alme ran a disciplined campaign focused on what Montanans said mattered most: making life more affordable. Voters rewarded that focus with a decisive win over a crowded field.

Downing earns a second term

In Eastern Montana, voters sent Congressman Troy Downing back to Washington for a second term. From Billings to Great Falls to Helena, he has stood up for the farmers, ranchers and small businesses that drive our economy, and voters rewarded him for it.

Republicans hold the Legislature

Republicans held both chambers of the Montana Legislature. The Party recruited strong candidates, knocked on doors and made its case district by district. Republicans kept control of both the Montana House and Senate, including a 30-20 Senate majority. The result is a Legislature that will fight for lower taxes and spending.

Republicans swept every legislative seat our team rated Lean Republican, holding all nine: House Districts 7, 13, 24, 49, 51, 67 and 86, and Senate Districts 12 and 25. And in a wave year, Republicans won the toss-ups, taking House Districts 21, 22, 23 and 48 and Senate District 11.

In Cascade County, Democrats invested heavily, and Republicans still delivered. Great Falls businessman Steven Galloway returns to the Legislature in Senate District 11, home to Malmstrom Air Force Base. In House District 21, Trevor Funseth won an open seat by speaking to young families on lowering property taxes.

The Montana Republican Party thanks Aaron Flint for running a hard-fought campaign in Western Montana, where the national wave hit the hardest, and for everything he has done for this Party.

“Even though every race didn’t break our way, there is work to do, and we intend to do it,” **said Wittich**. “To every volunteer, donor, candidate and voter who made this possible: thank you. Now we need to get to work.”