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**FROM:** National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC)  
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The NRSC is laser-focused on one mission: retaking the U.S. Senate in 2024 and building a lasting majority. A quarter of the way through the cycle, we are well-positioned to accomplish this goal with outstanding candidates and strong campaigns in key races across the country. With eight races where the potential for a Republican pick up is better than the Democrats' best target, the 2024 Senate map is a great opportunity for the GOP.

### **STATE-BY-STATE BREAKDOWN:**

#### **Montana**

Donald Trump carried Montana by 16 points the last time he was on the ballot, making Montana an extremely attractive pickup opportunity. With that said, incumbent Senator Jon Tester will be difficult to beat because he fundraises so heavily from D.C. lobbyists. In fact, Tester was ranked the number one recipient of lobbyist cash the last time he ran for reelection.

Tim Sheehy, a successful businessman and former Navy SEAL, announced he is seeking the Republican nomination in June. Sheehy is a war hero, decorated veteran, job creator, and great Montanan. Learn more about his campaign at [TimforMT.com](http://TimforMT.com).

#### **West Virginia**

West Virginia is deep red, and Democrats' only hope is incumbent Senator Joe Manchin – one of the nation's most unpopular senators who is openly flirting with retiring from the Senate to run for president. Manchin destroyed his reputation in West Virginia when he wrote Biden's so-called Inflation Reduction Act, a massive green energy bill that will destroy West Virginia's energy industry.

Republican West Virginia Governor Jim Justice entered the race earlier this summer. He is one of the most popular governors in the country, and he just signed the largest tax cut in state history. Recent polling shows Governor Justice with a 20-point lead over Joe Manchin in a hypothetical match up. Learn more about his campaign at [JimJusticeWV.com](http://JimJusticeWV.com).

#### **Ohio**

Donald Trump carried Ohio by eight percentage points in 2020, making Ohio a great pickup opportunity. Democrat Senator Sherrod Brown is an entrenched career politician who has been running for office for 50 years, but his support for Joe Biden's agenda, his repeated failure to pay his taxes, and his embrace of the defund the police movement will make his latest reelection bid a tough hill to climb.

The Republican primary field in Ohio is made up of several strong candidates, any of whom would give Sherrod Brown the challenge of his life in a state that is trending redder each cycle.

### **Nevada**

Nevada is trending Republican; we flipped the governor's seat in Nevada in 2022 and came within 8,000 votes of beating Democrat Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto. Meanwhile, Democrat Senator Jacky Rosen has very low name ID for an incumbent and has been a reliable vote for the unpopular Biden agenda in Washington.

Captain Sam Brown, a military veteran with an incredibly inspiring story, launched his run in early July. Brown has proven himself to be a strong fundraiser and has shown real signs of momentum since entering the race. Learn more about his campaign at [CaptainSamBrown.com](http://CaptainSamBrown.com).

### **Pennsylvania**

With the last two presidential elections in Pennsylvania having been decided by fewer than two percentage points, the state will be a top battleground again in 2024. Recent news reports revealed that, like Joe Biden, incumbent Democrat Senator Bob Casey has been using his office to enrich his family members.

We are recruiting Dave McCormick, a veteran and successful businessman, to run against Casey. McCormick's record of service will contrast strongly with Casey's pattern of corruption.

### **Wisconsin**

Wisconsin is one of the most competitive states in the country, and Republican Senator Ron Johnson just won his re-election bid in 2022. Democrat Tammy Baldwin has been a reliable rubber stamp for the Biden agenda despite its disastrous consequences for working families. We are working to recruit a business leader and political outsider – like Eric Hovde or Scott Mayer – to take her on.

### **Michigan**

Incumbent Senator Debbie Stabenow's announcement that she is retiring creates a real opportunity for Republicans in Michigan. Democrats have a messy primary on their hands as they try to find a candidate to replace her. Potential candidates who are giving this open seat race a look include former Congressman Mike Rogers, former Congressman Peter Meijer, John Tuttle, Sandy Pensler, and James Craig.

### **Arizona**

National Democrats are facing all-out civil war in Arizona as they decide whether to back their incumbent, Kyrsten Sinema, or radical, unvetted Rep. Ruben Gallego. With so much chaos on

the Democrat side in an emerging three-way race, a strong Republican candidate will be well-positioned to win this battleground seat.

**THE BOTTOM LINE:**

As the Biden Administration and Senate Democrats demonstrate their failures daily, Americans are eager for new leadership in Washington. We have momentum, but we can't underestimate the Democrats' campaign apparatus. With nearly unlimited access to deep-pocketed coastal elites and dark money groups, they have outspent us three-to-one in recent cycles. We cannot let that happen again.

The NRSC is committed to nominating Republicans who can win a primary and a general election in each of these key states and ensure a lasting Senate majority. Our message is simple: lowering costs, creating jobs, stopping crime, and securing the southern border.

The fight is well underway, and our team is working around the clock to build the resources to take back the majority. Please consider joining our efforts to secure Republican victories across the country at [Senate24.com](https://Senate24.com).