## U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY)

**February 13, 2021: Barrasso Voted Against Trump Impeachment, but Decried “Violence and Mayhem of Jan. 6.”** “Today, U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) issued the following statement after voting to acquit former President Donald J. Trump in the Senate impeachment trial. “From day one, and consistent with my duty to the Constitution, I opposed this impeachment trial of a private citizen and former president. Today I voted for acquittal. “This unconstitutional impeachment trial is now over. “It is time for Congress to move forward. “We have an opportunity to bring about some much-needed healing by focusing on our greatest needs. “There is important work to be done for the people of Wyoming and our country. We can start by working together to bring back jobs, get kids safely back to school, and by putting the virus behind us. “The violence and mayhem of Jan. 6 will never be forgotten. I continue to reflect on the bravery of the men and women who protected our Capitol that day, and honor those who lost their lives in service.’” [Barrasso Press Release, [2/13/21](https://www.barrasso.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/news-releases?ID=136D20B1-C7B5-407A-B895-DCEADC562844)]

**May 28, 2021: Barrasso Voted Against January 6 Commission.** “Rep. Liz Cheney made it clear that she strongly supported a bipartisan commission to examine the Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection, but the rest of the Wyoming delegation wasn’t as enthusiastic. The bill that would have established the commission passed the House with the support of over 30 Republicans, but GOP senators blocked it with a filibuster Friday morning, preventing it from going to an official vote. Wyoming Republican Sens. John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis both voted against the bill.” [Casper Star-Tribune, [5/28/21](https://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/wyoming-sens-barrasso-lummis-vote-against-commission-to-investigate-jan-6-riot/article_8a6fffa1-58b0-5b15-9a05-7a75a1f927d5.html)]

* **Barrasso On January 6 Commission: “I Support The Existing, Ongoing Investigations To Address Those Failures And Make Sure Individuals Involved In Criminal Acts Are Prosecuted. What We Don’t Want Is Another Partisan And Political Exercise. It Seems Like That’s What Speaker Pelosi And Her Unbalanced Proposal Is Really Aiming For**.” “It is unclear whether that support will materialize, but it likely won’t come from Wyoming’s senators. Breaking from Cheney, the other two members of the state’s congressional delegation offered their support for ongoing law enforcement investigations into the attack, and argued that the House legislation was unnecessary. “There were major security failures at the Capitol on Jan. 6,” U.S. Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., said in a statement Thursday provided to the Wyoming Tribune Eagle. “I support the existing, ongoing investigations to address those failures and make sure individuals involved in criminal acts are prosecuted. What we don’t want is another partisan and political exercise. It seems like that’s what Speaker Pelosi and her unbalanced proposal is really aiming for.’” [Jackson Hole News & Guide, [5/22/21](https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/jackson_hole_daily/state_and_regional/wynews/barrasso-lummis-criticize-jan-6-commission/article_0a3338bf-2000-50d6-ab55-de048330352b.html)]

## U.S. Senator Steve Daines (R-MT)

**January 2, 2021: Daines Called for a Commission to Investigate 2020 Presidential Election Results.** “U.S. Senator Steve Daines today called for an election commission to review the November 3rd, 2020 presidential election process. Daines issued the following statement: “An unprecedented number of Americans have significant doubts about the integrity of 2020 presidential election results. Fewer than 45,000 votes spread across three states would alter the vote of the Electoral College. Couple that with the fact that the processes and the way Americans voted was altered at a scale never before imagined outside what the state legislative process intended. There have been continued reports of irregularities with signature verification, different rules for mail-in ballots versus in-person ballots, delayed receipt of ballots, inconsistent curing of ballots, a lack of meaningful access to the polls, the dispute process and counting process for partisan poll watchers. These issues have cast doubt on the legitimacy of the presidential election outcome which needs further investigation for the credibility of our institutions.” [Steve Daines Press Release, [1/2/21](https://www.daines.senate.gov/news/press-releases/daines-calls-for-election-commission-to-restore-trust-following-irregularities-in-2020-presidential-election)]

**May 28, 2021: Daines Voted Against January 6 Commission.** “Senate Republicans blocked the creation of a bipartisan committee to investigate the deadly Jan. 6 Capitol siege, with a 54-35 vote, six votes short of what was needed for it to pass. Montana’s U.S. senators split on the vote…. Republican Sen. Steve Daines condemned the Jan. 6 attach but voted against the commission Friday.” [NBC Montana, [5/28/21](https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/tester-daines-split-on-jan-6-commission-votes)]

* **Daines on January 6 Commission: “Sen. Daines Believes January 6th Was A Sad Day For Our Country And He Condemns The Violence That Occurred. He Believes All Those Who Took Part Should Be Held Accountable And Supports The Ongoing Law Enforcement Investigations.”** “Republican Sen. Steve Daines condemned the Jan. 6 attach but voted against the commission Friday. “Sen. Daines believes January 6th was a sad day for our country and he condemns the violence that occurred. He believes all those who took part should be held accountable and supports the ongoing law enforcement investigations,” a spokesperson for Daines said.” [NBC Montana, [5/28/21](https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/tester-daines-split-on-jan-6-commission-votes)]
* **Daines on January 6 Commission: “The Senator Is Also Concerned That House Speaker Nancy Pelosi And Other Partisan Advocates Of The Proposed Commission Want To Use It For Political Gain, Which Would Only Distract From The Bipartisan And Independent Investigations That Are Already Occurring.”** “Currently, there are bipartisan investigations led by Senate Committees looking into what happened on January 6th including flaws in the U.S. Capitol security—the Senator supports those efforts. With that said, the Senator does not support the proposed January 6th commission because it is duplicative of work already being done in a bipartisan manner in the Senate and elsewhere. The Senator is also concerned that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other partisan advocates of the proposed commission want to use it for political gain, which would only distract from the bipartisan and independent investigations that are already occurring,” the spokesperson continued.” [NBC Montana, [5/28/21](https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/tester-daines-split-on-jan-6-commission-votes)]