

## My Conversation with Montana Senate Candidate Tim Sheehy

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**NOTE:** If you follow this thread, I believe you will see a man who can't stand to be challenged and is not capable of dialog with critics. He wouldn't last in a City Council much less the U.S. Senate. In my initial piece on Tim and associates [Tim Sheehy, Principled Conservative or Establishment Darling?](#) I was purposely hard hitting. In my direct communications (below) I gave **every chance to tell us his story** and explain his climate, ESG, and DEI issues. As he says at last... *"I did not deny anything, I simply chose not to answer."* Tim may owe me nothing, but does he owe the Montana voter answers? You decide.

### **Second and Last Response from Tim Sheehy:**

Good morning Dick,

I did not deny anything, I simply choose not to answer questions based on a false premise. I get them every day from activist liberal journalists who only present 'gotcha' questions laid inside a idealogical bear trap, you can watch JD Vances recent interview by the AP where he also refuses to answer questions presented to him inside a bear trap. You state you are not a journalist but you sure act like one! You pose questions not in an effort to actually learn more about me or gain insight, you pose them with a premise constructed that allows for only one answer to meet your conservative purity test. I disagree with the fundamental premise of your question which is that because I have done business with financial institutions that must make public statements regarding ESG/DEI, I am a) a hypocrite b) a closet liberal.

You accuse me of denying, fine. I accuse you of being disingenuous in your pursuit of truth. If your mission is to advocate for Rosendale to your readership and tear me down, simply say that and proceed with your attacks. Don't couch it in a sanctimonious search for conservative purity through a christian worldview, all of which is fueled and informed by the ESD/DEI establishment you claim to be fighting! Yet you are doing their bidding now.

There is a lot more to learn about me, the jobs I have created, what I have done for this state and country than what you referenced in the Daily Beast and The

Huffington Post. You have obviously decided not to explore any of that in your dissertation.

Tim

### **My Second Letter to Tim Sheehy**

Mr. Tim Sheehy

CEO, Bridger Aerospace

Tim,

Thanks for your response, it is below and I have added emphases to my particular areas of concern.

I just have a couple of comments, you need not respond if you wish not to, you have plenty to do. However, I have **one question that I will pose in a moment that I would just encourage you to think about.**

Essentially, I guess we agree to disagree. I was **hoping that you would address the three areas of concern specifically** that I have given direct quotes for, directly from you. You chose not to. My questions from before are attached. I would add that **people change their thinking** and saying so can be impressive to voters. You chose to deny and claim that you were not a climate change, DEI, or ESG advocate. OK.

I am not sure what I said that made you feel I was disrespecting your military service except that I thought you were leaning too heavily on that issue. I do “get it,” to a disengaged public, such military service can almost stand alone. I have three of your flyers and it is very clear that you are playing that card heavily. Actually, I think that is something you need to think about also.

**Here is the one question I would suggest you ponder** and it requires a bit of background. **If you think this through well, it will be helpful to you in your campaign.**

Recently, Sen. Eric Schmitt, R-MO blocked the promotion of Col. Ben Johnson, formerly Wing Commander at MacDill AFB in Tampa. [Senator Blocks Air Force Colonel’s Military Promotion Over ‘Divisive DEI Policies’](#) As you will see from the [Daily Signal, \(Heritage Foundation\) article 12/18/23](#), Johnson was up to his neck in DEI promotion (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) and much more. If you take time to read the entire article, you will see how deeply the Air Force is invested in this far-Leftist ideology. If you read [some of the back stories](#), it gets even worse for Col. Johnson and the USAF. .

**I am reasonably confident that, if you read the article, we would agree that Johnson had no business being in command and certainly should not be promoted.**

**Now let's suppose that you are that Senator who wanted to deny Col. Johnson a promotion.** My question to you is this. **Given your past actions on going along with DEI issues in order to do business, how would this play-out for you? In my opinion, unless you deal more fully with your DEI stances from the past and do it now,** you would be asked some very hard questions by the Democrats and the Press. With me, you can just claim that you hate DEI, but not sure that would **satisfy the wolves** from the LEFT? It sure didn't convince me!

I am absolutely persuaded that Sen. Schmitt did the right thing. But, **think about the heat you would take from the Press,** if you did this in light of **your compromises on DEI** to advance your business.

I don't know for sure but I suspect Congressman Rosendale will join you in a Primary. **One thing I can assure you of,** WHEN it goes to the General, the Democrats and their PAC's will beat you to death with this and other issues. To me, these are issues you need be forthright about now.

Sincerely,

Dick Pence

**Tim Sheehy's First Response back to me:**

Tim, this was your letter back to me:

Hello Dick,

Sorry for the delayed response, your email ended up in Spam. Then I had end of Quarter board meeting, Company Christmas party and cattle shipment today. Just had a chance to read and jot down a response.

In reference to your email and your questions, I am happy to respond to them when given the opportunity. I stand by my characterization of your first write-up as **"trash"** because it was sourced from one-sided liberal activist writings that had one mission: exactly what you did—**attack me to divide conservatives and fall into the trap of doing the Democrats' bidding** for them and helping Jon Tester. These articles were cherry picked, **filled with lies, false characterizations and innuendo,** you have amplified that liberal trash amongst conservative Montana voters.

To address your questions:

**No, I am not a climate change advocate.** I am a wildland firefighter and conservative outsider who will always fight for Montana jobs and put America First. My job as the CEO and Scooper pilot at Bridger Aerospace is not to “Reason why, but to do or die”. I protect Americans from wildfires with the best technology and capability I can. **I believe we need to take a strong stand and fight back against the Climate Cult and its radical, woke agenda that has and will kill countless Montana jobs, push energy prices through the roof, and leave rural communities hanging out to dry.** We must defeat the radical Democrats who want to shut down our economy, kill Montana jobs, and use the Climate Cult to impose their Marxist agenda. That’s what I’m focused on doing.

**Virtually every public business is facing this ESG and DEI crap.** It’s a cancer on our society and a destructive force that must be stopped. It’s absolutely not right and actually, **I have a keen understanding of the dangerous ideological rot** penetrating our government as well as the insidious ways our government is forcing companies to comply with their agenda and why this Leftist movement must be defeated. During COVID, I am proud to say that despite our federal contracts REQUIRING me to force my entire staff to get vaccinated, I refused to do so. **The DEI statements that we list in our company documents are requirements of our federal contracts and for publicly traded companies under Biden’s rogue SEC/FTC. Without it, we couldn’t do our job of fighting wildfires and serving our country.** One can point to **many great American companies led by conservatives that also have required DEI/ESG mission statements** (see Home Depot DEI page) and help make our country stronger. To extend your line of logic against me which states I shouldn’t take financing from banks that adopt DEI/ESG policies, do you apply this same standard to yourself? Matt Rosendale? Donald Trump? Am I to believe you have zero auto loans, mortgage or credit cards? Did Donald Trump build his business with no financing relationships with major banks? The answer to all of this is, of course, no. **All major banks and financial institutions are subject to these reporting standards now and anyone who runs a business must engage with them.**

The truth is, you can see my values by where I built my business, donated my personal money and placed my service. I have been a large donor to conservatives nationwide, I have built my business and created hundreds of jobs in Montana, **I have always believed DEI and ESG requirements have a negative**

**and corrosive** impact on our culture, our society, and our economy, and I will absolutely fight every step of the way to undue this leftist bullshit if elected to the U.S. Senate.

And to address your question on if I'm willing to "take the heat to stand for conservative values," the answer is yes. I fought, bled, and was willing to die for this country and our freedoms. I proudly and eagerly went to the most dangerous places in the world to fight the most evil people in the world. I wasn't deterred from defending freedom when bullets were flying by my head and bombs were going off by my feet, and **I won't be stopped by garbage being spewed by Leftists or people attacking me for standing up for what's right and defending our way of life.** The reason these dark money, shady liberal groups are pumping millions upon millions of dollars into Montana attacking me right now is because they know the threat I pose to finally taking Jon Tester out next year. And, lastly, I swore an oath to the U.S. Constitution, and I will always do what it takes to protect our way of life.

I appreciate you sharing these questions with me so that we don't have further misunderstandings in the future. **I have hosted Matt Rosendale in my living room for a fundraiser, I hope he continues to advocate for conservative change in Congress. It is time for our party to unite and finally retire Jon Tester, the country cannot handle** another 6 years of open borders, runaway inflation, disastrous foreign policy and the destruction of our cultural values which have led to the creation of the most free and prosperous nation in the history of the world.

Tim

P.S. For fact check reference on your denigrating comments regarding my military service.

USNA 2004-2008 (During which I completed the Special Operations Exchange program with the US Army in which I completed Airborne, Ranger, Air Assault Schools and deployed overseas)

Active Duty SEAL 2008-2014 (Deployed 5 times, wounded in action, 200+ missions during the highest op tempo in our nations history) I was discharged after I was wounded and injured multiple times

Reserve Officer Duty 2014-2019: Officer recruiter and screener for USNA and SEAL Candidates for our region.

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**My Initial Letter to Tim Sheehy after a TEXT Exchange.**

Mr. Tim Sheehy,

CEO, Bridger Aerospace

Tim,

First, just a little note of explanation relative to your TEXT. I am not a journalist but I do not believe that my questions are trash because they “are not original” and some come from liberal sources. The real issue is **what do YOU really believe?** My bottom line is promoting a Christian worldview. I am sure you realize that many Montanans are asking the same questions I am. Clearing them up is to your advantage. **If you are inclined to address my concerns**, I will pass them on.

I have three major areas of concern that I hope you will address honestly - this goes also to your integrity. Tim, my platform of influence is not large. I do believe that if you will answer these three questions well, it will enhance your campaign quite aside from me. So, allow me to address three areas and let the other issues go aside for now.

**First, the issue of Climate Change:**

About 15 years ago, a friend of mine did an excellent documentary that sold hundreds of thousands of copies entitled [Agenda: Grinding America Down](#). This was a documentary on how Marxism had infiltrated America. In it, Curtis Bowers talks about how he quietly attended a large Communist Party USA convention in L.A. over 20 years ago. These were top-level Marxists from all over America. There, they clearly stated that **they intended to use Climate Change to break the back of America**. In the last few years, I have heard the LEFT openly admit from time to time that they **intended to use the Global Warming (now Climate Change) ideology to fundamentally change America**. If you are familiar with the 1960's, [Cloward-Piven strategy](#), (if you read this and I would recommend it),

Glenn Beck was correct. It was a strategy to bring down American Capitalism. Cloward and Piven were both Marxist professors, these issues were widely discussed at the time. Note the similarity of goals. Yes, the climate is always changing. **No, it is not a crisis, but the LEFT is using this to create one.**

On page 11 of my attached Updated article, you see what is being said about your position on global climate change. In your presentation to investors, the company boasted *“its mission is to directly attack CO2 emissions... that demand for aerial firefighting continues to **grow driven by climate change.**”* In a referenced op-ed you say *“There are several explanations for the proliferation and escalating damage of wildfires, and addressing those causes **requires renewed attention of local, state and federal governments and — when it comes to climate change — international cooperation.**”* There is lots more that I could reference and that you know about. So **here is my simple question.**

### **Are you a climate change advocate?**

- Did you believe this ideology once, but no longer do?
- Do you now believe that this is a “climate cult”? Changing your position is acceptable if you explain.
- Why have references to these issues been scrubbed from Bridger Aerospace’s webpage?
- Are you willing to openly address this issue with Montanans?

### **Second is the D.E.I. issue – Diversity Equity and Inclusion:**

**You can-not get further LEFT than this issue, it is evil.** There is so much to say, at our Big Sky Worldview Forum we have had speakers from across America, address this multiple times. It springs out of [Critical Theory](#) which comes straight out of the [Cultural Marxist ideology](#). **BLM, CRT, all things LGBTQ+ - all the same agenda, they walk in lock-step.** Again, **you can not dance around this issue.** This you must deal with. I know you have seen the piece on *Sheehy supports radical transgender policies at his company.* Please understand that this issue is at the center of my wheelhouse. In my article I quote your webpage *“we believe that **diversity and inclusion is critical for the attraction and retention of top talent and we employ policies and procedures to recruit women and minorities... without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression.**”* When you hear the terms gender identity or gender expression, understand that they refer to the support for the LEFT’s darling – **Gender Ideology** and the

Transgender movement. **Clearly, Bridger and Sheehy cross a line between equal opportunity for race, sex or religion to pandering to gender identity and that is clearly pandering to Transgenders.**” So here is my second question to you as a conservative candidate. Do you know what our Montana Senate did with [SB99](#) or [SB 458](#)? Look them up. Getting anywhere near support for Transgenderism is not going to be popular with Montana conservatives. So, here is my Second Question:

**What is your position on DEI?** How can you claim that you will take the heat to stand for conservative values – even being willing to lose your company – if you get anywhere near supporting DEI?

**Third is the ESG issue** – Economic, Social, and Governance. So how do you spell BlackRock - Wow 😊? **Where do you AND Bridger Aerospace stand on ESG?**

In my article I talk about your loan from D.A. Davidson. So, I quoted Davidson’s article. The subtitle was *“Deal with Bridger Aerospace represents third largest taxable **non-rated municipal ESG bond.**”* *“We are proud that our unique ability to accomplish a taxable, non-rated municipal offering will contribute **to the greater good of our climate.**”* And what was Sheehy’s response? *“**Teaming up with a like-minded partner** like D.A. Davidson that not only shares our **fundamental business principles of environmental and social sustainability**, but provides the financing solutions we require, will position us well to effectively **combat today’s changing climate,**”* said Tim Sheehy, CEO, founder and director of Bridger Aerospace. If you are inclined to claim that these **are just lies and quotes taken out of context**, I encourage you to think well. Montanans will respect your straight forward response to this.

Have you been paying attention to what our Attorney General has been fighting? This is what our friends at [Alliance Defending Freedom](#) have to say about ESG. Here is what the [Heritage Foundation](#) has to say about ESG. And here is what [19 Attorneys General](#) (including our friend Austin) had to say to BlackRock who is pushing ESG. Here is [what Governors](#) (including Greg) had to say about Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors. Translation? ESG. Trust me just a little bit, I have followed the *Sustainability Cult* for over 20 years from Iowa State University to MSU Bozeman. I remember being at an MSU Ag Day update and MSU’s barley breeder expounding on how they now had to *breed varieties for global warming* – over 15 years ago. It’s clearly a LEFT leaning, climate change issue. I could go on

and on with articles I have read and put on our webpage. So here is my third and final question - for now.

**What is your Position on ESG now?**

- How do explain these statements and actions of taking a loan from a company like Davidson who is clearly in Biden's camp?
- Would you have been better off to grow slower and avoid such compromise?

Thank you for considering my questions. If you chose to answer them clearly, I have a couple others. But for now...

Sincerely,  
Dick Pence