



Bruce “Butch” Gillespie (Ecuador)

Montana House of Representatives District 18

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Campaign website:

<https://www.gillespie4montana.com/>

Bruce “Butch” Gillespie is a rancher, community leader, and Montana state legislator from the Kevin and Ethridge area. He and his wife, Doreen, have built their lives and raised their two children around agriculture, hard work, and stewardship of the land.

For many years, Butch and Doreen have raised calves for young people participating in 4-H, FFA, and Junior Livestock programs. Through this work, they have helped young people develop responsibility, work

ethic, and confidence while gaining hands-on experience in agriculture. Supporting the next generation has been an important part of their involvement in the agricultural community.

Butch has also spent much of his life serving his local community. His experience includes service on 4-H committees, livestock associations, school boards, church leadership, and agricultural organizations. Across these roles, he has emphasized community involvement, listening, and practical problem-solving.

Those who work with Butch describe an approach grounded in patience, careful consideration, and a willingness to listen. He emphasizes understanding an issue, doing the necessary research, and hearing from the people directly affected before making decisions.

Butch currently serves in the Montana State Senate and is running for Montana House District 18. His experience as a rancher, legislator, and community leader has given him a firsthand perspective on issues affecting agriculture, rural communities, water, land use, and schools.

His work in public service reflects a longstanding commitment to his community and to the agricultural and rural traditions that have shaped his life.