

U.S. Rep. Kind: Cosponsors bill expanding access to manufacturing jobs for Wisconsin veterans

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La Crosse – Today, **U.S. Rep. Ron Kind** cosponsored the *Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act*, which will expand access to good-paying, meaningful manufacturing jobs for Wisconsin Veterans.

“Many Wisconsin Veterans have excellent technical training and manufacturing experience from their time serving our nation, but still struggle to find good-paying manufacturing jobs in our state,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “The *Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act* will encourage Wisconsin manufacturers to hire Wisconsin veterans, and help create a stronger economy and workforce here at home.”

The *Manufacturing Jobs for Veterans Act* will boost training opportunities for Veterans by creating a grant program within the Department of Labor establishing pilot State Manufacturing Employment Programs to support continued education, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training for eligible veterans through employers.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 6,000 Veterans in Wisconsin are unemployed and seeking job opportunities. This bill would help transition technical and mechanical military skills learned while serving to the civilian workforce, and incentivize the recruitment and training of our Veterans.

The American Legion, AMVETS, and the Association of the United States Navy have

endorsed the legislation.