

U.S. Rep. Kind: Fights to limit wasteful defense spending and lower the national debt

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Bipartisan bill could save billions in taxpayer dollars

La Crosse – Today, **U.S. Rep. Ron Kind** introduced the *Wasteful Defense Spending Reduction Act*, a bipartisan bill that creates an expedited process to cut wasteful defense spending and pay down the national debt.

“Year after year, the United States spends billions of taxpayer dollars on wasteful and outdated defense programs, many of which of our military leaders have said they do not want or cannot use,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “That is an unacceptable use of America’s hard-earned tax dollars. By putting in place a commission to review and recommend common sense cuts to our defense programs we can use our tax money more efficiently, and help pay down the national debt.”

The *Wasteful Defense Spending Reduction Act* calls for the creation of an eleven member commission to review our defense programs and recommend wasteful and outdated programs to be eliminated. Following the release of the commission’s report Congress will have 90 days to vote on a joint resolution of approval to enact the recommendations in their entirety.

Rep. Ron Kind has been dedicated to finding ways to save taxpayer money ever since his time working for Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin investigating

wasteful government spending programs for Sen. Proxmire's Golden Fleece Awards. Rep. Kind has continued to publicly call out wasteful spending, and has fought to lower the national debt and end crop insurance programs that give millions away to big agribusiness at the expense of family farms. Additionally, each year he finds savings in his office budget and, to date, has given back nearly \$2 million to pay down the national debt.

The bill was co-introduced by Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ).