

# U.S. Rep. Kind: Bill expanding funding for public target ranges passes House, moves to President's desk

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**WASHINGTON** – Monday evening, Rep. Ron Kind's bipartisan bill, the *Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act*, unanimously passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives. Earlier this month, the Senate committed to automatically pass Rep. Kind's bill and it will now move to the President's desk for his signature.

The *Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act* will give state fish and wildlife agencies more flexibility to build or expand shooting ranges. Shooting ranges provide hunters and gun owners a controlled and safe location to teach responsible gun ownership and hunting safety.

"As an avid hunter who shoots trap at the Ettrick and Holmen shooting ranges in western Wisconsin, I know the important role our public target ranges play in giving hunters a safe location to practice, prepare and learn about hunting safety and responsible gun ownership. I am proud that my bipartisan bill, the *Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act* has passed, and look forward to it being signed into law soon," said Rep. Ron Kind.

The number of public target ranges has declined across the country, due in part to closed ranges on federal lands. The *Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act* will allow states to use *Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act* grants to create new target ranges or expand current ranges. The grant funding is provided by federal excise taxes from the sales of specific hunting equipment.