

U.S. Rep. Kind: Calls for full bipartisan briefing after reports of Russia placing bounties on U.S. troops

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Washington, DC— Today, **Rep. Ron Kind** sent a letter to Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Gina Haspel requesting a full congressional briefing after several press [reports](#) found that Russia offered Afghan militants bounties for killing United States and coalition servicemembers in Afghanistan, and the Administration was aware of this intelligence as far back as 2019.

“Among the President’s most sacred responsibilities is to protect and defend American troops in the field. If reports are true that the President was aware, it would be a historic breach of trust between our military and their Commander in Chief,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “A full bipartisan briefing with career intelligence officers must take place immediately to ensure Congress has the information it needs to thoroughly investigate these disturbing claims and protect our servicemembers in Afghanistan and abroad.”

Read the letter [here.](#)