

U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Introduces bipartisan legislation to support the US-Republic of Korea Alliance

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) today reintroduced the United States and Republic of Korea Alliance Support Act, legislation that would ensure the United States maintains a robust forward military presence on the Korean Peninsula by restricting the President’s ability to withdraw U.S. forces.

The bill, which was also introduced by Reps. Tom Malinowski (D-NJ), Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Van Taylor (R-TX), and Andy Kim (D-NJ), comes on the 71st anniversary of the Korean War.

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“71 years ago today, North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel in an effort to erase the Republic of Korea from the map. Alongside our Korean and United Nations allies, American forces fought tenaciously to restore South Korea’s liberty. Since then, the US-RoK alliance has been a bedrock of security not only on the Korean Peninsula, but throughout the Indo-Pacific. I’m proud to stand with this bipartisan group to make clear America will always stand alongside its indispensable ally,” said Rep. Gallagher.

“Our alliance with South Korea is indispensable to security and stability in the Pacific,” said Rep. Malinowski. “This bill sends a clear message to the people of South Korea that the United States will remain a reliable partner, including by maintaining our troop presence for as long as the security of both of our countries demand it.”

Congressman Van Taylor said, “71 years ago today, North Korean troops stormed the 38th parallel, starting the Korean War. This conflict would go on to claim millions of lives – including tens thousands of American troops. The bipartisan legislation we’re introducing today reaffirms America’s long-standing commitment to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific, promising to maintain a military presence in South Korea so we can deter Chinese and North Korean aggression, preventing future conflicts.”

“The U.S. – South Korea alliance isn’t just the bedrock for stability and security in the Pacific, it’s one that has shaped my family’s trajectory as a Korean American. As we look back more than seven decades since the outbreak of the Korean War, it’s critical that we continue our bipartisan support for this alliance and new avenues for growth in the years to come,” said Rep. Kim.