

U.S. Rep. Kind: Votes to support veteran entrepreneurs during National Veterans Small Business Week

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Washington, DC – Today, **Rep. Ron Kind** voted for the *Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act*, bipartisan legislation to support the Boots to Business (B2B) program that helps transitioning service members and their families start and grow their businesses.

“Especially during National Veterans Small Business Week, I’m proud to support the Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act,” said **Rep. Ron Kind**. “Our veterans served our nation with honor and deserve the very best we have to offer. The Boots to Business program has provided tens of thousands of veterans with the resources they need to start or grow small businesses, and successfully transition from military to civilian life. I’m glad to continue to support this vital program for years to come.”

B2B is an entrepreneurial education and training program administered through the Office of Veteran Business Development in the Small Business Administration. Since B2B started in 2013, more than 50,000 service members and military spouses have participated. The Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act would authorize this program for five years.

Veterans are 45% more likely to be self-employed than individuals with no military experience, and the most recent U.S. Census recorded 2.4 million veteran-owned businesses which employ over 5.7 million people.