

U.S. Rep. Kind: Votes to pass the National Defense Authorization Act, support our service members

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Washington, DC – Last night, Rep. Ron Kind voted to pass the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23). This bipartisan legislation will strengthen our national security and support our service members and their families, the development of new technologies, and coordination with our allies and partners around the globe.

“Last night’s passage of the NDAA demonstrates that our commitment to our brave men and women in uniform is stronger than ever,” said Rep. Ron Kind. “This year’s defense bill increases basic research funding across the board, supports pay raises for service members, deepens our alliances and partnerships, and more. I’ll keep working to ensure our troops receive the support and resources they need.”

Key provisions in the NDAA include:

- Vital benefits for service members and their families, including a 4.6% pay raise for service members, 2.4% inflation bonuses for service members earning less than \$45,000/year and a \$15/hour minimum wage for workers on federal service and construction contracts.
- New investments in science and technology competitiveness, including \$275 million in additional funding for next-generation capabilities.
- Supply chain security, including an assessment of dual-use technology and improving risk management in DoD supply chains.
- Resources for U.S. allies and partners, including \$1 billion for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI) and funding for the European Deterrence Initiative (EDI) and Pacific Deterrence Initiative (PDI).