

Defense

I strongly support America's service members and am committed to providing them with the tools and equipment necessary to defend and protect the Nation. I will also work on behalf of the families of brave military men and women on issues such as healthcare, housing and other factors impacting quality of life. I support a base Defense Budget that at the very minimum matches 4 percent of gross domestic product. We owe our active duty, reserve, and National Guard service men and women no less than our full support for their sacrifice on behalf of our country. As Co-chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus, I will work to ensure that our Navy maintains global maritime dominance by supporting a 313-ship Navy as a floor and by maintaining an active and healthy shipbuilding industrial base.