

National Security

Supporting the Troops and Keeping the Country Safe

I strongly support our troops and believe that they should be given every tool they need to complete their missions overseas. Like many Americans, I want the war in Iraq brought to an end quickly and with honor, but I believe that we should listen to the generals on the ground before setting a timeline for withdrawal. Until the troops are brought home, we must support them both domestically and abroad. Additionally, we should give the Department of Justice the tools it needs to fight terrorism.

I have supported the following legislation:

- Voted for the Defense Authorization Act, which funds the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2009. This bill included a 3.9% pay raise for soldiers, which was higher than the President's initial proposal. (H.R. 5658)

- Supported the Emergency Supplemental bill, which provides troops the funding and equipment they need to maintain military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan (H.R. 2642).

- Voted for the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), which allows America to investigate terrorists both domestically and abroad while ensuring that our civil liberties are protected (H.R. 6304).