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PETERS' THREAT REVIEW ACT ORDERED A REVIEW OF SECURITY VULNERABILITIES AT PORTS OF ENTRY TO PREVENT "UNLAWFUL MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE" AND ILLICIT DRUGS

Peters Was The Lead Cosponsor Of The United States Ports Of Entry Threat And Operational Review Act; House Companion Passed Into Law 12/21/18. [GovTrack, S.3706, cosponsored 12/5/18, introduced 12/5/18; GovTrack, H.R. 6400, introduced 7/17/18]

- Detroit News Headline: "Trump Signs Peters Bill Requiring Review Of Ports Of Entry." [Detroit News, 12/26/18]
 - Peters' Bill "Would Require Federal Officials To Assess All Ports Of Entry...To Conduct An In-Depth Analysis Of Current And Potential Security Threats...Seeking To 'Exploit Security Vulnerabilities' [...]." "President Donald Trump has signed a bipartisan measure co-sponsored by Michigan Sen. Gary Peters that would require federal officials to assess all ports of entry, including finding ways to reduce wait times for passengers and cargo at the border. The bill, authored by Peters, a Bloomfield Township Democrat, and Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, directs the Department of Homeland Security to conduct an in-depth analysis of current and potential security threats by individuals and organized groups seeking to 'exploit security vulnerabilities' at ports of entry or to 'unlawfully enter the United States' through such ports." [Detroit News, 12/26/18]
 - Peters' Bill Instructed DHS To Determine How To Boost Safety And Facilitate Trade At The Nation's 300 Ports Of Entry, Many Of Which Were Aging, And Range From Land Border Ports To Seaports On The Great Lakes. "The DHS secretary is instructed to produce a report detailing how to boost safety and facilitate trade at the nation's 300 ports of entry, many of which are aging and which range from land border ports to international airports to seaports on the Great Lakes." [Detroit News, 12/26/18]
 - Detroit News: Paul LaMarre, Director Of The Port Of Monroe, Thanked Peters For His Legislation. "Paul LaMarre, director of the Port of Monroe, said the port is 'committed to keeping up the pace to support logistics movements and Michigan's economy.' 'The legislation Senator Peters introduced will provide a better understanding of what more can be done to help move cargo more efficiently here in Monroe and across the country, and we thank him for his efforts,' LaMarre said." [Detroit News, 12/26/18]
- Prevent "Unlawful Movement Of People, Illicit Drugs And Other Contraband." "Under the act, the secretary of Homeland Security would have to submit analyses, including: Current and potential threats posed by individuals and organized groups Methods and pathways used to exploit security vulnerabilities at ports of entry Improvements need to prevent 'unlawful movement of people, illicit drugs and other contraband,' as well as to enhance travel and trade facilitation and reduce wait times Evaluation of other needs, such as in personnel, technology and infrastructure and their costs." [Port Huron Times Herald, 1/5/19]

- As Ranking Member Of The Homeland Security Committee, Peters Touted That The Bill Balanced The Needs Of Our Border Security; The Ambassador And Blue Water Bridges In Detroit And Port Huron Make Up Two Of The Five Busiest Port Crossings In North America. "'My experience has been we focus a great deal on that southern (border),' he said. '... The important thing, and especially now that I'm the ranking member on the homeland security committee, is we've got to balance the needs of our border security and understand a great deal of how commerce (moves).' [...] The Ambassador and Blue Water bridges in Detroit and Port Huron make up two of the five busiest port crossings in North America. Just in Port Huron, the Michigan Department of Transportation also cites the value of goods crossing the bridge in the tens of billions of dollars annually or in the tens of millions per day several years ago." [Port Huron Times Herald, 1/5/19]
- St. Clair County Sheriff Tim Donnellon Was Among Officials To Laud The Act. "Although it is meant to expose potential weaknesses at ports of entry, Peters said it could also share methods of best practice in managing operations at the local level. St. Clair County Sheriff Tim Donnellon, who was among the officials to submit a statement lauding the act late last year, said they'll take all the help they can get. For local authorities, he said it's about partnerships. 'It gives you a chance to review where your weak spots are. It's no different than doing research on where we have accidents,' Donnellon said, adding it'd help them ask, 'Do we need more enforcement?'" [Port Huron Times Herald, 1/5/19]

PETERS' NORTHERN BORDER SECURITY REVIEW ACT, WHICH REQUIRED DHS TO ASSESS NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS POSED ON THE CANADIAN BORDER, "PROMPT[ING] FEDS TO RE-EVALUATE STRATEGY"

Peters Was A Lead Cosponsor Of The Northern Border Security Review Act; Passed Into Law 12/14/16. [GovTrack, S. 1808, cosponsored 7/21/15, introduced 7/21/15; VoteSmart, Release, 7/21/15]

- Peters' Legislation "Would Require The Department Of Homeland Security To Assess The National Security Risks Posed By The Terrorist And Criminal Organizations Operating On The Canadian Border." "Ms. Heitkamp has sponsored legislation, along with several other senators from border states, including Gary Peters, Democrat of Michigan, and Kelly Ayotte, Republican of New Hampshire, that would require the Department of Homeland Security to assess the national security risks posed by the terrorist and criminal organizations operating on the Canadian border." [New York Times, 10/17/16]
- Peters' Bill Also Addresses Coordination Challenges With Federal And Local Law Enforcement, As Well As How To Recruit And Retain A Strong Border Security Work Force."

 "The legislation would require the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to evaluate security threats at the border through a comprehensive assessment of current resources and personnel levels at and between ports of entry. Provisions in the bill also address coordination challenges with federal and local law enforcement, as well as how to recruit and retain a strong border security workforce."

 [Homeland Preparedness News, 12/19/16]
- · Prairie Business Headline: "Study Of Northern Border Prompts Feds To Re-Evaluate Strategy." [Prairie Business, 8/21/17]

The Department Of Homeland Security Would Create A Strategic Plan To Address "Chronic And Emerging Issues Along The Northern Border." "A federal agency will revamp its strategy to defend the northern border after a bill sponsored by a senator from North Dakota required an analysis of threats and security at the Canadian border. The Department of Homeland Security will create a strategic plan to address 'chronic and emerging issues along the northern border,' according to a news release from Sen. Heidi Heitkamp's office. The most recent strategy takes goals and tactical measures from plans issued in 2012 and 2014." [Prairie Business, 8/21/17]

PETERS' PROTECTING AMERICA'S FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ACT EXPANDS AND ENHANCES BORDER INSPECTIONS BY AUTHORIZING MORE CBP INSPECTORS

Peters Introduced The Protecting America's Food And Agriculture Act, Which Gives Border Security Professionals The Resources To Protect The Nation's Food Supply And Agricultural Industries At The Border; Passed Senate 10/24/19. [GovTrack, S. 2107, introduced 7/11/19; Fox 17, More CBP Officers Headline, 8/9/19]

Michigan Farm Bureau: "Bill To Allow Hiring 200+ Ag Inspectors At U.S. Borders Passes Senate." [Michigan Farm Bureau, 10/30/19]

- Peters' Bill Authorizes Hiring "More Than 200 Inspectors In An Attempt To Address The Ongoing Shortage Of Staff Responsible For Protecting The Nation's Food Supply And Agricultural Products At U.S. Borders." "Legislation unanimously passed the U.S. Senate on Oct. 25 to authorize the hiring of more than 200 inspectors in an attempt to address the ongoing shortage of staff responsible for protecting the nation's food supply and agricultural products at U.S. borders. [...] Supported by Michigan Farm Bureau, the state's own Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow are among the bipartisan group leading the effort to fully staff America's airports, seaports and land ports of entry to ensure safe and secure trade of agriculture goods. Previous estimates indicate a nationwide shortage of nearly 700 inspectors." [Michigan Farm Bureau, 10/30/19]
- · John Kran: "This Bill Will Expand And Enhance Border Inspections And Provide Farmers With Another Level Of Protection From Foreign Pests That Negatively Impact Both Farmers And The Consumers They Feed." [Michigan Farm Bureau, 10/30/19]

National Hog Farmer: "Senate Passes Bill Authorizing CBP To Get More Inspectors, Canine." [National Hog Farmer, 10/25/19]

Peters: The Bill Would Ensure The Safe And Secure Trade Of Agricultural Goods Across Our Nation's Borders By...Hir[ing] Additional Agricultural Inspectors To Fully Staff America's Airports, Seaports And Land Ports Of Entry. [Michigan Business Network, 7/19/19]

PETERS' SECURING AMERICA'S PORTS OF ENTRY ACT WOULD "PLUG A SHORTAGE OF NEARLY 4,000 OFFICERS IN THE U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AGENCY"

Peters Introduced Securing America's Ports Of Entry Act; Reported Out Of Committee 6/19/19. [GovTrack, S.1004, introduced 4/3/19; Lansing State Journal, 7/30/19; Fox 17, More CBP Officers Headline, 8/9/19]

Detroit News: Peters' Bill Would "Plug A Shortage Of Nearly 4,000 Officers In The U.S. Customs And Border Protection Agency As The Number Of Migrant Families Crossing The Southwest Border Is Breaking Records." "Two border-state senators, Gary Peters of Michigan and John Cornyn of Texas, want to plug a shortage of nearly 4,000 officers in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency as the number of migrant families crossing the southwest border is breaking records." [Detroit News, 4/8/19]

- Peters Said Michigan Port Groups And Stakeholders Were Concerned About Northern Ports Of Entry, As They Worry Airports, Sea Ports Or Border Crossing Could End Up Understaffed Due To Reshuffling, Potentially Leading To Increased Wait Times, Fewer Health Inspections, And Weaker Efforts To Fight Trafficking. "Peters said he's heard from Michigan port groups other stakeholders are concerned about northern ports of entry. They worry Michigan ports of entry, whether airports, sea ports or border crossings, could end up understaffed due to the reshuffling, potentially leading to increased wait times, fewer health-related inspections and weaker efforts to fight trafficking and other illegal activity." [Detroit News, 4/8/19]
- Detroit News: "The Busiest Border Crossing In North America Is In Laredo, Texas, Followed By Two Michigan Crossings: Detroit-Windsor And Port Huron-Sarnia, Peters Noted." [Detroit News, 4/8/19]

Port Huron Times Herald: Peters' Bill Increases "The Number Of U.S. Customs And Border Protection Field Officers And Support Staff To Incrementally Correct A Reported Shortage Of Personnel Of Nearly 4,000." [Port Huron Times Herald, 4/10/19]

- · As Ranking Member Of Homeland Security, Peters Was Working On Addressing Staffing Shortages Amid The Ongoing Southern Border Crisis [...]" "Peters, a ranking member on the Senate's Homeland Security and governmental affairs committee, has reiterated his concerns related to staffing shortages amid the ongoing southern border crisis when discussing his motivation for backing the measure since it was first introduced earlier this month." [Port Huron Times Herald, 4/10/19]
- Peters' Bill Could Help Maintain Michigan's Customs And Border Patrol Staffing Levels, Especially As CBP Deploys Staff To The Southern Border. "According to the transcript from a press call Tuesday, higher-level CBP officials are sharing concerns over the need to redirect officers to the southern border in what Randy Howe, executive director of the office of field operations, called 'unprecedented humanitarian and border security crisis.' [...] But Peters added bill 1004 could also have a preventative effect helping to maintain his state's staffing levels. And keeping up those levels, he said, is important. 'One thing we know about ports of entry is they have a two-fold objective,' he said. 'First and foremost, it's to keep us safe and our borders secure. ... And the second is to move

cargo and trade efficiently, and that's critically important to Michigan.'" [Port Huron Times Herald, 4/10/19]

Securing America's Ports Of Entry Act Was Supported By A Broad Coalition, Including The National Border Patrol Council, The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association, And National Treasury Employees Union. [Homeland Security Today, 4/3/19]

Peters' Bill Was Highlighted On Fox 17 News Around 6pm. [WXMI-TV, 8/9/19]

Peters' Bill Was Highlighted On News 8 Around 6pm. [WOOD-TV, 8/9/19]

PETERS PASSED A BILL TO IMPROVE SECURITY IN UNSECURED AIRPORT AREAS; HIGH PROFILE ATTACKS IN FLINT AND ELSEWHERE DEMONSTRATED THE NEED

Senator Peters Authored And Passed A Bipartisan Bill To Improve Security In Unsecured Airport Areas, Such As Baggage And Traveler Pickup/Drop Off Zones. "Michigan's Democratic U.S. Sen. Gary Peters last week joined with Republican Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado to introduce bipartisan legislation to 'increase safety and security for airport passengers and visitors outside of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screened areas,' according to supplied material. The Secure Airport Public Spaces Act allows airports to use existing Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funds to update their security infrastructure to better protect public areas, including pick up and drop off areas, as well as baggage claim areas. High profile attacks at Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Airport and Bishop International Airport in Flint last year demonstrated the vulnerabilities of unsecured public areas at airports, according to the statement. Locally, leadership at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport said they both have high hope that the legislation will be approved and also will eventually be able to take advantage of the funding use changes." [S.2859, introduced 5/16/18; H.R. 302, Section 138, passed 10/5/18]

WKTV-TV Headline: "Ford Airport Leader Welcomes Sen. Peters' Introduction Of Bill To Fund Airport Security" [WKTV Journal, <u>5/22/18</u>]

- Peters' Bipartisan Legislation Would Increase Safety And Security For Airport Passengers And Visitors Outside Of TSA Screened Areas. "Michigan's Democratic U.S. Sen. Gary Peters last week joined with Republican Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado to introduce bipartisan legislation to 'increase safety and security for airport passengers and visitors outside of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screened areas, 'according to supplied material." [WKTV-TV, 5/22/18]
 - · "High Profile Attacks At Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Airport And Bishop International Airport In Flint Last Year Demonstrated The Vulnerabilities Of Unsecured Public Areas At Airports, According To The Statement." [WKTV-TV, 5/22/18]
 - The High Profile Attacks At Bishop Airport In Flint Demonstrated The Vulnerabilities Of Unsecured Public Areas At Airports. [CNN, 6/25/17]
- Ford Airport CEO: "We Love The Fact That The Senators, Our Own Sen. Peters, Stepped Up To Be Forward Thinking To Address Security Issues." "We love the fact that the senators, our own Sen. Peters, stepped up to be forward thinking to address security issues,' James R. Gill,

President and CEO of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport Authority, said to WKTV. 'Certainly in light of the fact that this (federal action) is security related, we are likely to see support from all sides on that, not only political but from our partner airlines. Security and safety are always our collective Number 1 priority.'" [WKTV-TV, <u>5/22/18</u>]

PETERS PRESSED FOR ADDITIONAL INVESTMENTS IN PERONNEL, TRAINING, AND TECHNOLOGY TO SECURE OUR BORDERS IN BIPARTISAN BORDER SECURING APPROPS

Peters Pressed For Additional Investments In Personnel, Training, And Technology To Secure Our Borders In Bipartisan Border Security Funding Legislation. [UPMatters.com, 2/4/19]

AFTER BEING INVITED BY PETERS, SECRETARY KELLY WENT TO MICHIGAN TO REVIEW HOMELAND SECURITY OPERATIONS

After Being Invited By Peters, Secretary Kelly Went To Detroit To Observe Northern Border Operations. [Detroit News, 3/25/17; Michigan Radio, 3/28/17; WDIV-TV, 3/27/17]

PETERS TRAVELED TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER WITH CHAIRMAN JOHNSON TO EXAMINE SECURITY NEEDS AND HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES

WZZM-TV Headline: "Sen. Gary Peters Examines Security, Humanitarian Challenges At U.S.-Mexico Border." [WZZM-TV, 5/25/19]

PETERS VOTED TO ADVANCE LEGISLATION THAT "WOULD ADD MORE BORDER PATROL AGENTS IN A QUICKER MANNER THAN IS CURRENTLY OCCURING"

Peters Voted To Advance Legislation S.595, The Boots On The Border Act. The committee vote, 9-2, sent to the floor a bill (S. 595) that is comparable to a measure (HR 2213) approved by the House Homeland Security Committee in early May. [CQ, <u>5/17/17</u>]

- CQ Headline: "Panel Moves Bill To Ease Hiring Of Border Agents." [CQ, <u>5/17/17</u>]
- According To Senator McCain, S. 595 Would Add More Border Patrol agents In A Quicker Manner Than Is Currently Occurring. "The Senate bill would waive the polygraph requirements for three categories of job applicants, including current state and local law enforcement personnel who have cleared a polygraph test. Supporters, such as Arizona Republican John McCain, argued the legislation would add more Border Patrol agents in a quicker manner than is currently occurring. Rep. Martha McSally, also an Arizona Republican, sponsored the House bill." [CQ, 5/17/17]

Boots On The Border Act Limited Border Patrol Polygraph Exemption To Applicants With State Or Federal Law Enforcement Backgrounds Or Military Backgrounds. "Sen. Jeff Flake's bill to waive a polygraph-test requirement for some job applicants at U.S. Customs and Border Protection has cleared its first hurdle in the Senate. The Boots on the Border Act of 2017 gained approval from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs this week. The bill would grant a waiver to the polygraph test for applicants with experience in law enforcement or the military...The exemption is limited to applicants who: Have three consecutive years working with local and state law enforcement, clean records and have previously taken a lie detector test at their agency. Have three consecutive years with federal law enforcement, clean records and a 'Tier 4' background investigation clearance. Are transitioning military with four years of service who have had security clearance in the past five years and have or are eligible for an honorary discharge." [Arizona Republic, 5/18/17]

Arizona Republic: "Flake's Bill Would Also Help President Donald Trump Fulfill His Executive Orders On Immigration Enforcement And Border Security." "Flake's bill would also help President Donald Trump fulfill his executive orders on immigration enforcement and border security calling for the hiring of 5,000 new Border Patrol agents, and 10,000 new Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers." [Arizona Republic, 3/8/17]

PETERS VOTED FOR \$1.38 BILLION FOR PHYSICAL BARRIERS ALONG THE U.S.-MEXICO BORDER

Senator Peters Voted For \$1.38 Billion For Physical Barriers Along The U.S.-Mexico Border. In February 2019, Peters voted for: "Adoption of the conference report to accompany the joint resolution that would provide, in total, \$333 billion in full-year funding for the seven remaining fiscal 2019 appropriations bills: Agriculture; Commerce-Justice-Science; Financial Services; Homeland Security; Interior-Environment; State-Foreign Operations; and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development. It would provide \$49.4 billion in discretionary funds for fiscal 2019 for operations of the Homeland Security Department, as well as \$12.6 billion for natural disaster response and recovery activities and \$165 million for Coast Guard overseas contingency operations. Appropriations for DHS operations include \$15 billion for Customs and Border Protection, including \$1.38 billion for physical barriers along the U.S.-Mexico border. [...]." [CQ, accessed 4/25/19; GovTrack, H.J. Res 31, Vote #26, 2/14/19; CNBC, 2/15/19]

GARY LED EFFORTS TO BOOST MICHIGAN'S DEFENSE INDUSTRY

Senator Peters Passed A Measure To Authorize \$7 Million To Develop The Next Generation Combat Vehicle (NGCV) Prototype, Which'll Be Done In Part In Warren, MI. [Detroit Free Press, 8/1/18]

Senator Peters Coauthored A Bipartisan Measure To Authorize \$371 Million For The Stryker Program. "Portman, R-Ohio, amendment no. 1522 to the McCain, R-Ariz., substitute amendment no. 1463 that would provide an additional \$314 million in funding for the Army's Stryker combat vehicles to make them more lethal. It would also provide an additional \$57 million for research, development, test and evaluation for the Combat Vehicle Improvement Program for the Stryker upgrades. The amendment would provide an offset. The

substitute amendment would authorize \$612 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2016, including \$88.9 billion for overseas contingency operations." [CQ, 6/4/15; S. Amdt. 1522 to S. Amdt. 1463 to H.R. 1735, Vote 202, 6/4/15]

General Dynamics In Sterling Heights, MI Worked On The Stryker Program. [Military Aerospace, 3/1/19]

The Defense Industry Employed Nearly 93,000 People In The Detroit Region Alone. [Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, accessed 6/2/19]

GARY WAS NAMED ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND BIPARTISAN MEMBERS OF THE US SENATE

PETERS WAS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE US SENATE

2017-18: The Nonpartisan Center For Effective Lawmaking Ranked Peters The 4th Most Effective Senate **Democrat.** [Center for Effective Lawmaking, Press Release, <u>2/27/19</u>]

Center For Effective Lawmaking: Peters Was "Very Active In Navigating A Number Of Legislative Items Through The Republican-Controlled Senate." [Michigan Advance, 3/7/19]

Fox 17 Headline: "U.S. Senator Peters Ranked As One Of Most Effective; Other Michigan Reps Ranked Lower." [Fox 17, 3/6/19]

Dearborn Press & Guide: "Peters Named Among Most Effective Senators In 115th Senate." [Dearborn Press & Guide, 3/5/19]

PETERS WAS ONE OF THE MOST BIPARTISAN MEMBERS OF THE US SENATE

2017-18: The Non-Partisan Lugar Center Ranked Peters The 4th Most Bipartisan Senate Democrat." [Lugar Center, 115th Congress Scores, accessed 4/10/19]

The Bipartisan Index Ranking Was A Measurement Calculated By The Lugar Center, Led By Former U.S. Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) And The McCourt School Of Public Policy At Georgetown University. "The Lugar Center, led by former U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, and the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University today jointly released their new Bipartisan Index rankings of members of Congress, completing the picture of the 115th Congress (2017-2018). The non-partisan tool measures the degree to which Senators and Representatives work across party lines." [Lugar Center, Press Release, 3/19/19]

Senator Peters was a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves. Use of his military rank, job titles, and photographs in uniform does not imply endorsement by the Department of the Navy or the Department of Defense.