

SENATOR GARY PETERS BACKGROUND

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Senator Peters Was A Leader On The Homeland Security Committee. [Detroit News, [12/14/18](#)]

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SENATOR PETERS AUTHORED AND PASSED KEY SECURITY BILLS

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." [WKTU Journal, [5/22/18](#); S.2859, introduced [5/16/18](#); H.R. 302, Section 138, passed [10/5/18](#)]

- **The High Profile Attack At Bishop Airport In Flint Demonstrated The Vulnerabilities Of Unsecured Public Areas At Airports.** [WKTU Journal, [5/22/18](#); CNN, [6/25/17](#)]

Senator Peters Cosponsored And Passed The Northern Border Security Review Act. [S. 1808, passed [12/14/16](#)]

Senator Peters Cosponsored And Passed The First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act, Which Provided Anthrax Vaccines For Use To Emergency Responders At High Risk Of Exposure In The Event Of An Attack. [S.1915, passed [12/14/16](#)]

Senator Peters Cosponsored And Passed A Resolution Condemning The White Supremacist Terror Attacks In Pittsburgh, Charleston, Quebec And New Zealand, Which Passed The Senate Unanimously. [S.Res 124, passed [3/28/19](#)]

SENATOR PETERS SUPPORTED STRONGER BORDER SECURITY

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Senator Peters Cosponsored And Passed The Ports Of Entry Threat And Operational Review Act. [S.3706, passed [12/5/18](#); H.R. 6400, passed [12/21/18](#); Detroit News, [12/26/18](#)]

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, S.J. Res 31, Vote #26, [2/14/19](#)]

SENATOR PETERS VOTED FOR TOUGHER ACTION AGAINST ISIS

Senator Peters Voted To Pass A Three-Year Emergency Authorization To Directly Provide Military Assistance To The Kurds In The Coalition Effort Against ISIS, Breaking With 38 Senate Democrats. In June 2015, Peters voted for: "Ernst, R-Iowa, amendment no. 1549 to the McCain, R-Ariz., substitute amendment no. 1463, to authorize the president to provide direct military assistance to Kurdistan Regional Government military and security forces associated with the Iraqi government to support international coalition efforts against the Islamic State, with that authority lasting for a period of three years. The aid could include anti-tank and anti-armor weapons, armored vehicles, and other military assistance deemed appropriate by the president. The substitute amendment would authorize approximately \$612 billion for defense programs in fiscal 2016, including \$88.9 billion for overseas contingency operations." [CQ, 6/16/15; S. Amdt. 1549 to H.R. 1735, Vote 210, [6/16/15](#)]

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Senator Peters Voted To Give Troops A 2.6% Pay Raise. [Stripes.com, [1/4/19](#); H.R. 5515, Vote #181, [8/1/18](#)]

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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](#)]

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

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.