

Subject: A Weekly Note from Rep. Ciscomani
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PASSED: FY2027 National Security Funding Bill.

Last week, I voted in favor of the Fiscal Year 2027 National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs (NSRP) Appropriations Act, which passed the House. As Arizona's sole appropriator in Congress and a member of the NSRP Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to ensure America's national security priorities and Southern Arizona's unique security needs remained front and center.

The FY2027 NSRP Appropriations Act is a huge success for our national security as it works to confront our foreign adversaries such as Communist China, support our allies, combat the flow of fentanyl into our communities head on, and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly. The legislation provides \$47.32 billion in funding while reducing discretionary spending by 6% compared to Fiscal Year 2026.

In congress, I will continue to fight for policies that strengthen America's national security, support our allies, and ensure hardworking taxpayers' dollars are used responsibly. The House-passed FY2027 NSRP Appropriations Act now moves on to the Senate for further consideration.

Read more about House passage of the NSRP funding bill [HERE](#).

FY2027 NSRP APPROPRIATIONS ACT

KEY PROVISIONS

- ✓ CUTS DISCRETIONARY SPENDING BY 6% FROM FY2026 LEVELS
- ✓ STRENGTHENS AMERICA'S ALLIANCES AND VIGOROUSLY COUNTERS COMMUNIST CHINA
- ✓ DIRECTS \$1.8 BILLION TO AGGRESSIVELY COUNTER CHINA'S INFLUENCE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC
- ✓ PRIORITIZES DECISIVE EFFORTS TO ERADICATE FENTANYL AND ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING
- ✓ BLOCKS U.S. RESOURCES FROM BENEFITING THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY
- ✓ UNEQUIVOCALLY PROHIBITS FUNDING FOR THE TALIBAN

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ARIZONA'S 6TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fighting for Quality Veteran Care.

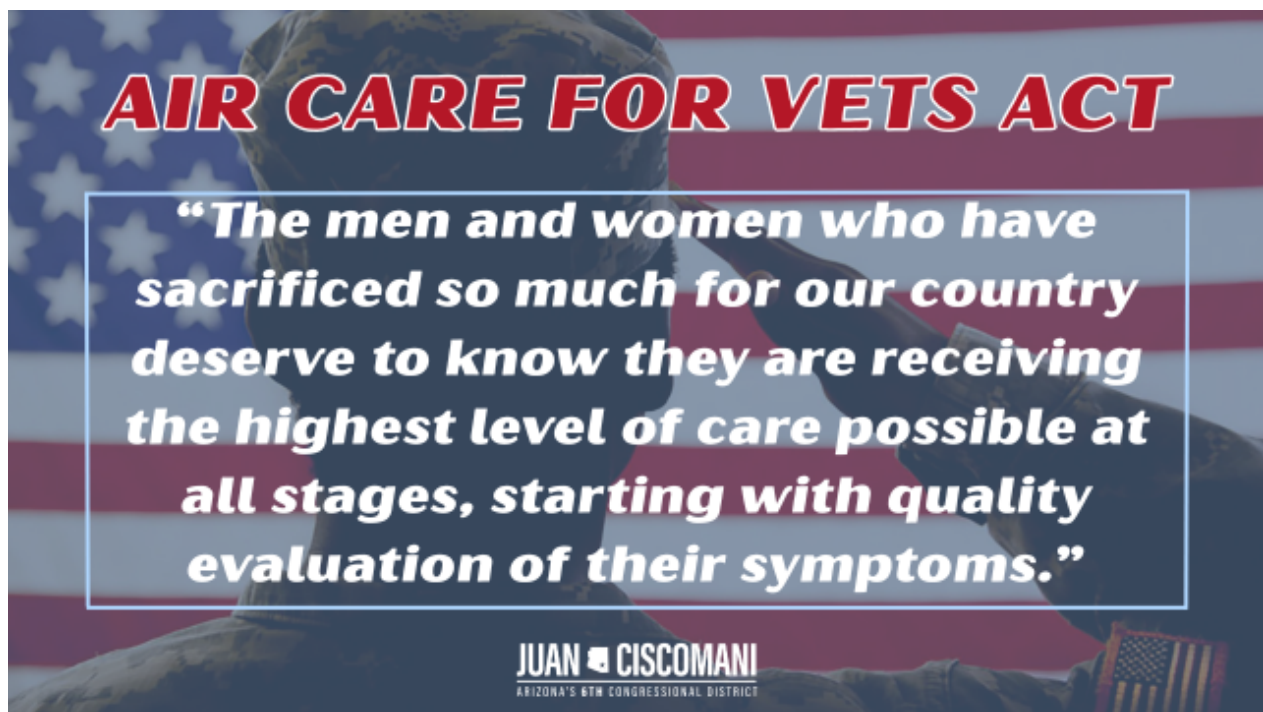
I am proud to have joined Representative Chris Pappas of New Hampshire last week to introduce H.R. 9666, the *AIR CARE for Vets Act* (Advanced Imaging for Respiratory Care, Assessment, and Research Excellence for Veterans Act). This legislation would provide veterans with improved access to advanced imaging software used to diagnose certain respiratory conditions resulting from time in service, including asthma and obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), as well as lung cancer.

It's crucial to ensure that the nearly 80,000 veterans in AZ-06 have access to the best quality care possible. This includes all stages of care, from testing and diagnosis all the way through treatment.

Currently, diagnosing respiratory illnesses and conditions in veterans is limited by standard testing procedures using whole-lung assessments, including invasive and painful procedures, such as a lung biopsy. The *AIR CARE for Vets Act* would help solve this issue by directing the VA to put a five-year pilot program in place using FDA-approved four-dimensional functional lung imaging software, improving the identification and diagnosis of respiratory disorders in veterans.

I believe this legislation is crucial for our veterans here in AZ-06 and will continue to advocate for it as it eventually moves through Congress.

Read more about the bill [HERE](#) and read a statement from me below.



The 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act: What it Means for You.

Homeownership is integral to the American Dream. Unfortunately, due to federal regulations create by previous Administrations have contributed to the rising costs, homeownership a cornerstone of the American Dream seems out of reach for working families across Southern Arizona.

I am proud to have supported the bipartisan passage of the *21st Century Road to Housing Act*, which has now passed both the House and Senate and become law. Now that this legislation is law, I wanted to provide more information explaining exactly what the bill does and doesn't do.

The *21st Century ROAD to Housing Act* means more accessible and affordable housing for Arizonans, especially for first-time homebuyers. It will ensure more streamlined construction, cutting through red tape without compromising on any construction safeguards.

The dream of owning a home should never feel out of reach for the average working American. I look forward to how this new law will ensure homeownership remains both accessible and affordable here in AZ-06.

Learn more about what this new law means for you below.



2026 Hero of Main Street.

I am honored to have received this year's Hero of Main Street Award from the National Retail Federation during their annual Retail Advocates Summit in Washington, D.C.

As a member of the Main Street Caucus, I am a strong advocate of small businesses and the local retail industry here in southeastern Arizona. I am proud to have cosponsored a total of seven bills for America's small businesses since taking office in 2023, including the *Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025* that would support small businesses and the retail industry by strengthening law enforcement's ability to combat both organized retail crime and money laundering.

Thank you to the National Retail Federation for this distinct honor! I remain dedicated to advancing policies that strengthen local retailers and promote economic opportunity for hardworking Americans, and I look forward to my continued partnership with organizations like the National Retail Federation while doing so.

You can read more about the awards ceremony [HERE](#).



INTERVIEW: Modernizing the DeConcini Port of Entry.

Recently, I had the pleasure of sitting down with 535 News in Washington, D.C. to speak about modernizing the DeConcini Port of Entry in Nogales and how these modernizations are essential for trade and border security.

Making long-overdue upgrades to the port would have a substantial impact on trade between the United States and Mexico and security at the border. I remain committed to advocating for modernizations at the port following the letter that I and Representatives Stanton and Hamadeh wrote to Secretary Mullin of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Administrator Forst of the General Services Administration about the issue.

I am grateful for the opportunity to speak with 535 News about a topic that is so critical for the state of Arizona. I will continue fighting for modernizations at the port, to ensure that Arizona continues as a leader in international trade and our border remains strong.

Read more about this effort [HERE](#) and [WATCH](#) the full interview below.



USDA Support for AZ-06 Farmers and Ranchers.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently designated several Arizona counties, including Graham, Pima, and Pinal, as primary natural disaster areas due to drought conditions.

This means increased support for farmers and ranchers here in southeastern Arizona. The designation gives farmers and ranchers the opportunity to be considered for an emergency loan assistance program operated by the department's Farm Service Agency (FSA) to provide them with necessary credit following a natural disaster like severe drought.

I encourage all AZ-06 farmers and ranchers dealing with the effects of severe drought to look into this USDA program. Emergency loans from the program are essential for recovery as they can be utilized for replacing equipment or livestock, reworking a farming operation, or refinancing certain debts.

I remain committed to partnering with the farmers and ranchers in our district to continue advocating for the unique needs of our agriculture industry and am grateful for how the USDA works to do the same.

Read more about the USDA's recent designations [HERE](#) and click below to learn more about the department's disaster assistance programs.



In the News.

U.S. Representative Juan Ciscomani Named Hero of Main Street by the National Retail Federation

[The Gila Herald](#)

"U.S. Representative Juan Ciscomani's outstanding leadership and tireless advocacy for the retail industry and small business has earned him the 2026 Hero of Main Street Award from the National Retail Federation. The congressman accepted the award on Tuesday at the Federation's Retail Advocates Summit in Washington, D.C. 'I'm incredibly honored to receive the 2026 Hero of Main Street Award from the National Retail Federation, the world's largest retail trade association,' said Rep. Juan Ciscomani. 'Businesses throughout our communities have faced the growing burden of organized retail crime, making it clear that a bipartisan solution was needed to make a positive change across Arizona's Sixth District. These criminal organizations are not only harming small businesses and retailers, but they are also putting American consumers at risk of violence and fraud. The Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025 provides concrete solutions to combat these crimes, which often fuel other illicit activities, including drug and human trafficking.' Congressman Ciscomani earned the recognition in part for his leadership as an original cosponsor of the bipartisan *Combating Organized Retail Crime Act of 2025* (H.R. 2853).

Rep. Ciscomani Urges AZ-06 Farmers and Ranchers to Utilize USDA Drought Disaster Program

[The Gila Herald](#)

"U.S. Representative Juan Ciscomani is urging farmers and ranchers in southeastern Arizona to take full advantage of a federal loan program aimed at helping those impacted by severe drought. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently designated several Arizona counties, including Graham, Pima, and Pinal, as primary natural disaster areas due to drought conditions. The designations allow farmers and ranchers to be

considered for an emergency loan assistance program operated by the department's Farm Service Agency (FSA). This loan program provides necessary credit to producers following a natural disaster, including drought. 'Southeastern Arizona is home to many farmers and ranchers who keep our agriculture industry strong. It is no surprise that our region experiences drought, which in turn impacts these hardworking men and women and their ability to produce goods,' said Rep. Ciscomani. 'I encourage all farmers and ranchers in Arizona's Sixth Congressional District who are dealing with the consequences of severe drought to look into what federal resources are available. That's what this USDA program is all about. Graham, Pima, and Pinal counties being included in this program will directly support the farmers and ranchers who keep our district strong, helping AZ-06 remain a leader in agriculture.'"

Letter to the Editor: Ciscomani is 'responsive'

[Gila Valley Central](#)

"I really want to make a statement to my neighbors in the Gila Valley in support of our U.S. Representative Juan Ciscomani. I have been voting in the State of AZ since the early 1970's and I don't remember having been represented by a more dedicated man. He is responsive and keeps me informed of what he is doing in his elected position. I have never known that much detail about what goes on in the House of Representatives, or had that much feedback from an elected official, ever. I believe he has done a tremendous job for us."



Profiles of the American Dream.

Caitlyn Kauffman is a rock star in the Marana Unified School District.

The principal of Marana High School was honored by the district recently with its Spirit of Marana Award, an annual accolade presented to educators and administrators who transform student outcomes, strengthen school culture and expand leadership

opportunities for teachers and staff.

The award is clearly well deserved.

Since she's been at the helm of Marana High, Caitlyn has spearheaded a climb in the school's state letter grade ranking from a low C to a B+. And just in time for graduation this year, the school was named an A+ School of Excellence by the Arizona Educational Foundation.

This achievement is no small feat for a big school with 2,400 students and nearly 200 faculty and staff. But if anyone's up to the task, it's an educator with Caitlyn's experience and record of accomplishment. In 2024, she was recognized by the district as its Administrator of the Year for her unwavering positivity and her ability to create a sense of community at Marana High.

Before assuming Marana High's top job Caitlyn served as its associate principal, principal at Gladden Farms Elementary, and as a teacher, counselor, coach, and administrator in another district.

"At Marana High, we believe that all students can learn and that deep, lasting learning happens through active, hands-on engagement," Caitlyn says on the school's website. "Our focus remains on building safe, supportive classrooms where every student has the opportunity to thrive."

The opportunity to thrive. Isn't that what the American Dream is all about?



Share Your Story.

Our district encompasses so many incredible people and stories that I want to share both

with my colleagues in Washington and through the platforms I have as your Member of Congress, such as speaking on the House floor. You can visit my website and [share your story](#) with me and my team. I look forward to hearing from you!



As always, my office and I are here to assist you. If you would like to share a comment or tell us your story, please don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to serving you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Juan Cisneros".

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