

Rep. Cuellar Supports Active Duty Military Members & Families

Supports Pay Raises, Better Housing, and Education as Member of Defense Subcommittee

Active / Passed Legislation

Rep. Cuellar is a Lead Sponsor for the *Defense Community Teacher Support Act of 2021*

- Allows teachers in military communities to be eligible for Federal student loan relief after five years of service.
- Teachers are eligible even if forced to relocated when their spouses receive permanent change of station orders.

Rep Cuellar is a Cosponsor to the *Vanessa Guillen Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act of 2021*

- Reform the disposition of charges and convening of courts-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and increase the prevention of sexual assaults and other crimes in the military.

Rep. Cuellar is a Cosponsor to the *Military Spouse Employment Act of 2021*

- Providing work opportunity for military spouses by supporting a tax credit for employers promoting employment and economic growth for defense communities

Rep. Cuellar is an Original Cosponsor of the *Military Justice Improvement and Increasing Prevention Act of 2021*.

- Transfers responsibility for making prosecutorial determinations for the most serious crimes from commanders to military attorneys with significant trial experience and training
- Prosecutorial determinations for military-specific crimes- such as desertion- remain with the unit commander.
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Reintroduced into the 117th Congress - Rep. Cuellar is an Original Cosponsor of the *I Am Vanessa Guillen Act of 2020 and 2021*.

- Overhauls the military's response to missing servicemembers and reports of sexual harassment and sexual assault.
- Makes sexual harassment and sexual assault a crime within the Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- Moves prosecution decisions of sexual assault and harassment cases out of the military chain of command.

Rep. Cuellar was an Original Cosponsor of the *Armed Forces Safe-to-Report Act of 2020*.

- Directs the Secretary of Defense to implement a safe-to-report policy, which will be applicable across the Armed Forces.
- Encourages survivors to report by guaranteeing that they could not be punished for certain collateral misconduct, unless aggravating circumstances exist.
- Reporting allows victims to hold sexual assault perpetrators accountable, receive needed services, and empowers the military justice system to deter criminal misconduct in the ranks.

Rep. Cuellar Amended the *FY21 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to Promote Employment Opportunities for Active Duty Members*.

- Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of Veterans Affairs and Labor, to encourage contact between members of the Armed Forces participating in the Transition Assistance program and local communities.

- Promotes public-private partnerships between the Armed Forces and local communities and creates employment opportunities for active duty members.

Rep. Cuellar was a Cosponsor of the *United States-Israel PTSD Collaborative Research Act of 2020*.

- Establishes a grant program for collaborative efforts between the United States and Israel to advance research on post-traumatic stress disorders.

Rep. Cuellar was a Cosponsor of the *Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act of 2019*.

- Updates the DoD's Survivor Benefit Plan and repeals certain provisions that require the offset of the plan annuity from amounts paid in dependency and indemnity compensation.
- The bill restores the annuity to an eligible spouse who previously elected to transfer payment to a dependent child.

Rep. Cuellar was an Original Cosponsor of the *Developing Education by Leveraging Tuition Assistance (DELTA) Act of 2019*.

- Allows members of the Armed Forces to use Department of Defense tuition assistance for education or training at a degree level equal at or lower than any level previously attained.

Rep. Cuellar Amended the *FY20 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to Deliver Advanced Trauma Care to the Laredo Medical Center and Doctors Hospital, and to South Texas*.

- Removed restrictive language to allow a unique collaboration with the U.S. Army to bring the most advanced trauma care available to patients with life-threatening injuries.
- This public-private collaboration expands trauma care to Webb, La Salle, Zapata, and surrounding counties.
- Victims treated at trauma centers have a 25 percent higher survival rate compared to those seen in hospitals without those services.

Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Provisions

Rep. Cuellar secured language to Review Sexual Assault Reporting Policies in the Military.

- Directs the Comptroller General to conduct a review of the Department's policy for reporting sexual assault and its effectiveness in protecting victims' privacy, ensuring their safety, and holding offenders accountable.

Rep. Cuellar secured \$115,800,000 for Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Improvements and Construction.

- \$71,000,000 for New Recruit Housing and Training Facilities. These RH&T facilities will accommodate 1248 recruits and replace the original facilities constructed in the 1960's and 1970's.
- \$35,000,000 for the Ambulatory Care Center which serves more than 55,000 patients.
- \$9,800,000 for a new F-16 Mission Training Center for Air National Guard.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$165,800,000 in Defense funding for Education.

- \$10,000,000 for the Army ROTC Cybersecurity Training Program.
- \$85,800,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions Program.
- \$50,000,000 for Impact Aid.
- \$20,000,000 for Impact Aid for Children with Disabilities.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$165,000,000 in Defense funding for Medical Research.

- \$150,000,000 for the Peer Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program.
- \$10,000,000 for Extracorporeal Life Support (Dialysis innovation)
- \$5,000,000 for Human Performance Optimization.

Rep Cuellar helped secure \$75,000,000 for the Defense Communities Infrastructure Program.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$2,400,000,000 in funding for Military Equipment.

- \$977,161,000 for 12 Navy Block III F/A-18E/F Super Hornets and the Service Life Modification Program.
- \$956,028,000 for the Army, Procurement for Strykers.
- \$351,233,000 for the Air Force, Procurement of 12 MQ-9s.
- \$37,392,000 for the Army Rough Terrain Container Handler Modernization Program.
- \$79,000,000 for the Air Force, development, and implementation of T56 Engines.

Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Provisions

Rep. Cuellar secured language to Review Sexual Assault Reporting Policies in the Military.

- Directs the Comptroller General to conduct a review of the Department's policy for reporting sexual assault and its effectiveness in protecting victims' privacy, ensuring their safety, and holding offenders accountable.

Rep. Cuellar secured \$66,300,000 for Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Improvements and Construction.

- \$36,000,000 for New Recruit Housing and Training Facilities. These RH&T facilities will accommodate 1248 recruits and replace the original facilities constructed in the 1960's and 1970's.
- \$19,500,000 for a ground base training system simulator for the new T-7A aircraft.
- \$10,800,000 for a new F-16 Mission Training Center for Air National Guard.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$155,000,000 in Defense funding for Education.

- \$4,000,000 for the Navy ROTC Cybersecurity Training Program.
- \$81,300,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions Program.
- \$50,000,000 for Impact Aid.
- \$20,000,000 for Impact Aid for Children with Disabilities.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$155,000,000 in Defense funding for Medical Research.

- \$150,000,000 for the Peer Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program.
- \$5,000,000 for Advanced Medical Simulation.

Rep Cuellar helped secure \$60,000,000 for the Defense Communities Infrastructure Program.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$3,455,000,000 in funding for Military Equipment.

- \$1,725,400,000 for 24 Navy Block III F/A-18E/F Super Hornets and the Service Life Modification Program.
- \$1,164,152,000 for the Army, Procurement for Strykers.
- \$285,700,000 for the Air Force, Procurement of 16 MQ-9s.
- \$20,000,000 for the Army Rough Terrain Container Handler Modernization Program.
- \$181,092,000 for the Army, Procurement, Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles Program.
- \$79,000,000 for the Air Force, development, and implementation of T56 Engines.

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Provisions

Rep. Cuellar secured \$171,300,000 for Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) Improvements and Construction.

- \$69,000,000 for Aquatics Tank.
- \$74,000,000 for BMT Recruit Dormitory 8.
- \$9,300,000 for T-X ADAL Ground Based Training System.
- \$19,000,000 for T-X Maintenance Training System Centralized Training Facility.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$128,000,000 in Defense funding for Education.

- \$5,500,000 for the Navy ROTC Cybersecurity Training Program.
- \$52,708,000 for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions Program.
- \$50,000,000 for Impact Aid.
- \$20,000,000 for Impact Aid for Children with Disabilities.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$153,000,000 in Defense funding for Medical Research.

- \$150,000,000 for the Peer Reviewed Breast Cancer Research Program.
- \$3,626,000 for Advanced Medical Simulation.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure \$75,000,000 for local Defense Communities.

- \$50,000,000 for the Defense Communities Infrastructure Program.
- \$25,000,000 for Defense Manufacturing Communities.

Rep. Cuellar helped secure over \$2,126,000,000 in funding for Military Equipment.

- \$1,761,952,000 for 24 Navy Block III F/A-18E/F Super Hornets and the Service Life Modification Program.
- \$10,000,000 program increase for Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) Program.
- \$10,000,000 for the Army Rough Terrain Container Handler Modernization Program.
- \$138,057,000 for the Army, Procurement, Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles Program.
- \$131,841,000 for the Army, Procurement, Heavy Expanded Mobile Tactical Truck Ext Serv Program.