

Congresswoman Kay Granger (TX-12)

*Member, House Appropriations Committee;
Chairwoman, State and Foreign Operations
Appropriations Subcommittee; and Vice Chair,
Defense Appropriations Subcommittee*



Since arriving in the House of Representatives, Rep. Granger has been a strong advocate for global security and national defense. As a leading proponent of the nation's Armed Forces, she has taken the lead in advancing some of its most important modernization programs, and was appointed by House leadership to the House Armed Services Committee and asked to serve on the Select Committee on Homeland Security. In the months following 9/11, she worked on this select committee to establish the Department of Homeland Security. Her efforts were noticed by then-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who in turn recognized Rep. Granger with the first Global War on Terrorism coin.

Rep. Granger's district, which includes parts of Fort Worth, is a strategic center for our nation's security, in large part because it is home to the Naval Air Station Fort Worth - Joint Reserve Base (NAS Fort Worth-JRB). In addition, a number of important defense contractors and subcontractors are based in the 12th district, and she fully supports the talented people and businesses that make the weapons systems that keep our country safe. Local programs that are located in her district include Lockheed Martin Aeronautics' manufacturing line that builds the F-35 "Lightning" Joint Strike Fighter, F-16 "Fighting Falcon" and F-22 "Raptor"; and, Bell Helicopter Textron's ongoing development and procurement of the V-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft.

The first and only Republican woman to represent Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Granger serves as vice-chair of the powerful Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and chair of the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, which has direct oversight of the Department of State and national security programs abroad.

As vice-chair of Defense Appropriations, Rep. Granger helps to ensure funding for projects critical to national defense, such as the F-35 fighter and the V-22 tiltrotor aircraft, as well as supports NAS Fort Worth-JRB to ensure it is fully funded. She has also championed the Iron Dome defense system, which helps protect the State of Israel from short-range missile attacks.

Rep. Granger was instrumental in creating a bipartisan Congressional task force to combat the global rise of anti-Semitism.