

Script	Citation
<p><u>DONNELLY</u>: People often ask me, hey Joe – how do you navigate that mess in Washington? You’ve got to be willing to drive down the Hoosier common-sense middle.</p>	<p><b>Indianapolis Monthly HEADLINE: “THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE: JOE DONNELLY.”</b> [Indianapolis Monthly, <a href="#">6/10/14</a>]</p> <p><b>Evansville Courier &amp; Press HEADLINE: “Donnelly Rides Down The Center Of Indiana.”</b> [Evansville Courier &amp; Press, <a href="#">8/25/17</a>]</p>
<p>Fight against spending and debt so we’re not on the hook to the Chinese.</p>	<p><b>2011: Donnelly Voted In Favor Of A Joint Resolution To Propose A Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment.</b> In November 2011, Donnelly voted in favor of a “motion to suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution that would propose a constitutional amendment that would require a balanced budget starting in fiscal 2018 or the second fiscal year after ratification by three-fourths of the states, whichever is later. Under the proposal three-fifths of the entire House and Senate would be required to approve deficit spending or an increase in the public debt limit. A simple majority could waive the requirement in times of congressionally declared war or in the face of a serious military threat.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 261 to 165. [House Vote 858, <a href="#">11/18/11</a>; Congressional Quarterly, <a href="#">11/18/11</a>]</p> <p><b>2017: Donnelly Introduced A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution.</b> [S.J.Res. 39, <a href="#">3/30/17</a>]</p> <p><b>2015: Donnelly Introduced A Balanced Budget Amendment To The Constitution.</b> [S.J.Res.18, <a href="#">7/9/15</a>]</p>
<p>Stand by our servicemembers and vets.</p>	<p><b>South Bend Tribune: “Since Joining The Senate In 2013, Donnelly Has Focused On Finding Solutions To Prevent Military And Veteran Suicides And Has Had Several Pieces Of Legislation Signed Into Law To Strengthen Mental Health Care For Service Members, Veterans And Their Families.”</b> “Since joining the Senate in 2013, Donnelly has focused on finding solutions to prevent military and veteran suicides and has had several pieces of legislation signed into law to strengthen mental health care for service members, veterans and their families.” [South Bend Tribune, <a href="#">10/9/16</a>]</p> <p><b>Donnelly Introduced The Jacob Sexton Military Suicide Prevention Act In April 2013; The Bill Was Donnelly’s First As A U.S. Senator.</b> According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “Today, Senator Joe Donnelly introduced his first bill as U.S. Senator, the Jacob Sexton Military Suicide Prevention Act of 2013, which would establish a pilot program in each of the military services and reserve components to integrate annual mental health assessments into a servicemember’s Periodic Health Assessment (PHA) and identify risk factors for mental illness so that servicemembers can access preventative care.” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, <a href="#">4/25/13</a>]</p>

- May 2014: Donnelly Reintroduced The Jacob Sexton Military Suicide Prevention Act.** According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, "Today, Senator Joe Donnelly (D-IN), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, released a video message with an important update on his efforts to prevent military and veteran suicide and announced he has introduced the Jacob Sexton Military Suicide Prevention Act of 2014." [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [5/7/14](#)]
- The Jacob Sexton Military Suicide Prevention Act Was Included In The FY 2015 NDAA.** According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, "The Senate Armed Services Committee voted this afternoon to include Senator Joe Donnelly's Jacob Sexton Military Suicide Prevention Act of 2014 as part of the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Donnelly also helped pass several provisions aimed at improving mental health care for servicemembers and their families. The national defense bill, which has been signed into law for 52 straight years, authorizes annual defense programs and spending. The bill received bipartisan support in the Senate Armed Services Committee and will now advance to consideration before the full Senate later this year." [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [5/22/14](#)]
- The FY 2015 NDAA Was Signed Into Law On December 19, 2014.** According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, "U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly welcomed his signature legislation, the Jacob Sexton Military Suicide Prevention Act of 2014, being signed into law today by President Obama as part of the national defense bill. The Sexton Act requires an annual mental health assessment for all servicemembers." [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [12/19/14](#)]

**The Military And Veterans' Mental Health Care Provider Assessment Act Was Introduced With Republican Senator Roger Wicker.** According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, "Donnelly's 'Care Package' includes (1) the Military and Veterans' Mental Health Care Provider Assessment Act co-sponsored by Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS); (2) the Community Provider Readiness Recognition Act co-sponsored by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA); and (3) the Frontline Mental Health Provider Training Act co-sponsored by Senator John Boozman (R-AR)." [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [3/11/15](#)]

- The Military And Veterans' Mental Health Care Provider Assessment Act Was Included In The FY 2016 NDAA.** [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [5/14/15](#)]

- **The FY 2016 NDAA Was Signed Into Law On November 25, 2015.** According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), signed into law today by President Obama, includes provisions of U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly’s bipartisan ‘Servicemember and Veterans Mental Health Care Package’ (‘Care Package’). This legislation will improve military mental health care quality and access for servicemembers and seeks to prevent military suicide. The national defense bill passed the Senate earlier this month with Senator Donnelly’s support on a 91 to 3 vote.” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [11/25/15](#)]

**The Community Provider Readiness Recognition Act Was Introduced With Republican Senator Joni Ernst.**

According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “Donnelly’s ‘Care Package’ includes (1) the Military and Veterans’ Mental Health Care Provider Assessment Act co-sponsored by Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS); (2) the Community Provider Readiness Recognition Act co-sponsored by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA); and (3) the Frontline Mental Health Provider Training Act co-sponsored by Senator John Boozman (R-AR).” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [3/11/15](#)]

- **The Community Provider Readiness Recognition Act Was Included In The FY 2016 NDAA.** [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [5/14/15](#)]
- **The FY 2016 NDAA Was Signed Into Law On November 25, 2015.** According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), signed into law today by President Obama, includes provisions of U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly’s bipartisan ‘Servicemember and Veterans Mental Health Care Package’ (‘Care Package’). This legislation will improve military mental health care quality and access for servicemembers and seeks to prevent military suicide. The national defense bill passed the Senate earlier this month with Senator Donnelly’s support on a 91 to 3 vote.” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [11/25/15](#)]

**The Frontline Mental Health Provider Training Act Was Introduced With Republican Senator John Boozman.**

According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “Donnelly’s ‘Care Package’ includes (1) the Military and Veterans’ Mental Health Care Provider Assessment Act co-sponsored by Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS); (2) the Community Provider Readiness Recognition Act co-sponsored by Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA); and (3) the Frontline Mental Health Provider Training Act co-sponsored by Senator John Boozman (R-AR).” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [3/11/15](#)]

- **The Frontline Mental Health Provider Training Act Was Included In The FY 2017 NDAA.** [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [12/23/16](#)]
- **The FY 2017 NDAA Was Signed Into Law On December 23, 2016.** According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “The final piece of U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly’s ‘Servicemember and Veteran Mental Health Care Package’ (‘Care Package’) was signed into law today as part of the bipartisan national defense bill. This marks the fourth military mental health reform effort Donnelly has gotten passed and enacted in his four years in the U.S. Senate. [...] Donnelly’s bill that became law today as part of the national defense bill is his Frontline Mental Health Provider Training Act. Given the shortage of mental health care providers, Donnelly’s provision allows the Department of Defense (DoD) to establish a pilot program to expand the availability of Physician Assistants (PAs) to provide mental health care evaluations and services for servicemembers and military families.” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [12/23/16](#)]

**Donnelly Introduced An Amendment To The FY 2014 NDAA To Include Suicide Prevention In A Pilot Program To Improve National Guard Mental Health.**

According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “First, Donnelly added a provision that would improve suicide prevention efforts in the National Guard. Section 706 in last year’s NDAA established a pilot program to improve mental health in the National Guard. His amendment would ensure that suicide prevention is a part of that pilot program.” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [12/19/13](#)]

- **November 2013: Donnelly Introduced An Amendment To S. 1197, The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), To Require Suicide Prevention Efforts Be Included In A Pilot Program To Improve National Guard Mental Health.** [S.Amdt. 2102, Accessed [6/1/17](#)]
- **The Amendment Was Included In The FY 2014 NDAA.** [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [12/19/13](#); P.L. 113-66, [12/16/13](#)]
- **The FY 2014 NDAA Was Signed Into Law On December 26, 2013.** [Congress.gov, Accessed [6/1/17](#)]

**March 2017: Donnelly’s Bill To Permanently Designate March 29<sup>th</sup> National Vietnam War Veterans Day Was Signed Into Law.**

According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “Bipartisan legislation authored by Senator Joe Donnelly (D-Ind.) and Senator Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) permanently designating March 29th as National Vietnam War Veterans Day has been signed into law by President Trump.” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [3/29/17](#)]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Donnelly And Toomey Were The Only Sponsors Of S. 305, The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act.</b> [Congress.gov, Accessed <a href="#">4/14/17</a>]</li> <li>• <b>Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act Was Signed Into Law On March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017.</b> [Congress.gov, Accessed <a href="#">4/14/17</a>]</li> </ul> <p><b>July 2017: Donnelly Introduced The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act Of 2017, Legislation To Reform The G.I. Bill.</b> According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, “U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly joined Senators Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., and Jon Tester, D-Mont., chairman and ranking member of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, in introducing broad, bipartisan legislation that seeks to improve veterans’ education benefits and enhance the post-9/11 G.I. Bill. The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 would further invest in the proven educational success of our veterans and help propel them toward becoming our nation’s civic, business and public leaders. It would also assist those student veterans who were enrolled at ITT Tech when it closed last year by restoring their G.I. benefits for credits that did not transfer to their new course of study.” [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, <a href="#">7/21/17</a>]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act Was Signed Into Law On August 16, 2017.</b> [Congress.gov, Accessed <a href="#">8/17/17</a>]</li> </ul>
<p>Cut regulations that cost jobs.</p>	<p><b>November 2010: Donnelly Was Praised By The Heads Of The Manufactured Housing Institute And The Recreation Vehicle Industry Association As A Strong Voice For Their Industries On Legislation And Regulations.</b> “Donnelly was praised by [Manufactured Housing Institute president Thayer] Long and Recreation Vehicle Industry Association president Bill] Baker as a strong voice for both industries, having made additions to key legislation and worked to adjust regulations that helped recreational vehicles and manufactured housing.” [Elkhart Truth, 11/4/10]</p> <p><b>Donnelly Argued That The Clean Power Plan Would Cost Indiana’s Economy As Manufacturing Employed More Than 500,000 Hoosier Workers.</b> “Donnelly, for his part, describes the proposed limits on coal pollution as burdensome to individuals and industry in the Hoosier state, which gets 85 percent of its electricity from coal. ‘Indiana is the nation’s most manufacturing intensive state, and manufacturing employs more than 500,000 Hoosier workers. With so many of our manufacturing jobs sensitive to changes in energy costs, significant new regulations will come at a cost to Indiana’s economy,’ he said in a statement.” [South Bend Tribune, 11/28/15]</p> <p><b>Indianapolis Star: Donnelly Helped Introduce And Rewrite A Measure To Force The Obama</b></p>

**Administration To Rewrite The EPA's Waters Of The United States Rule.** "Senate Democrats Tuesday blocked a bill that would have forced the Obama administration to rewrite a regulation specifying which bodies of water the federal government can regulate for pollution. Indiana is among the states that sued the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers to stop the new rule. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., had helped introduce the rewrite bill and was one of four Democrats who voted with Republicans to bring it to the floor. The 57-41 vote to proceed fell short of the 60 votes necessary to stop a filibuster." [Indianapolis Star, 11/4/15]

- **Donnelly On WOTUS: "When You Write A Rule Without Significant Input From Those Impacted, Including Farmers And Small Business Owners And Local Governments, Legal Challenges Are Inevitable."** "Opponents call the rule an overreach of federal authority that will increase the rules agricultural and other industries have to follow. 'When you write a rule without significant input from those impacted, including farmers and small business owners and local governments,' Donnelly said, 'legal challenges are inevitable.'" [Indianapolis Star, 11/4/15]

I'm ranked the second most bipartisan Senator because I don't work for any political party; I'm the hired help – I'm hired by you, I work for you.

I'm Joe Donnelly and I approve this message.

**2017: The Lugar Center Ranked Donnelly As The Second Most Bipartisan Member Of Congress In Its Ranking Of The 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.** [The Lugar Center – McCourt School Bipartisan Index, 2017, Accessed [4/26/17](#)]

**2017: The Lugar Center Ranked Donnelly As The Second Most Bipartisan Member Of The Senate In Its Ranking Of The 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.** [The Lugar Center – McCourt School Bipartisan Index, 2017, Accessed [4/26/17](#)]

**April 2017: The Lugar Center Ranked Donnelly As The Second Most Bipartisan Member Of Congress.** According to a press release from the Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, "In its newest Bipartisan Index, the Lugar Center and the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University rated U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly the 2nd-most bipartisan member of Congress in either the U.S. Senate or the U.S. House of Representatives. Donnelly ranked 2nd-most bipartisan among Senators and based on the bipartisan index scoring second overall in all of Congress. Former U.S. Senator Dick Lugar wrote in an op-ed published in The Hill with the Dean of the McCourt School last year: 'The aim of the Index is to highlight members' willingness to get results, regardless of party.'" [Office of Indiana Senator Joe Donnelly, [4/26/17](#)]