



# **Bob Corker's Policy Points**

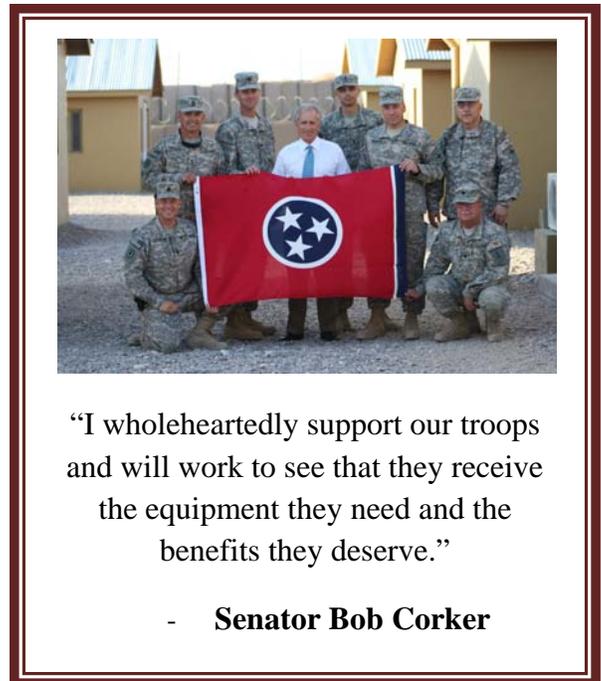
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## **ENSURING OUR SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE**

*Senator Corker believes that a strong national defense begins with investment in our military and strong policies to achieve our national security goals.*

- ✓ **Protecting the Homeland from Missile Threats.** Missiles from rogue nations, such as North Korea and Iran, present a major threat to the United States and our allies. Senator Corker supports the development and deployment of the most effective missile defense system possible and believes our military leadership must not be restricted from fielding that system. To that end, during Senate consideration of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START) with Russia, Senator Corker sponsored an amendment to require President Obama to certify that our missile defense systems will continue to be developed, improved and deployed and communicate to Russia that continued development and deployment of U.S. missile defense systems do not threaten the strategic balance nor constitute a basis to withdraw from the treaty. Additionally, the amendment added an understanding that the preamble to the treaty does not in any way impose a legal obligation to the U.S. with regard to our missile defense systems. The amendment was included in the final resolution of ratification which passed the Senate on December 22, 2010.



- ✓ **Ensuring Capable Nuclear Forces.** Nuclear weapons provide an effective deterrent against rogue states around the globe and also ensure the security of our NATO allies. Making certain that those forces will work when called upon and do not present a threat to ourselves while stored is essential. As part of the negotiation to ratify New START with Russia, Senator Corker pushed for long overdue investments in the modernization of our current nuclear arsenal. Senator Corker's diligence was instrumental in securing strong commitments from the administration to fully fund modernization requirements over the next ten years and he will continue to ensure those commitments are kept.
- ✓ **Equipping a Strong Military.** Today's U.S. military is the best-trained, best-equipped and best-led military in the world. To maintain our military superiority, Congress must continue to provide the necessary resources to raise, train and maintain a world-class military. Senator Corker believes Congress should provide the funding our troops need – on-time and in full. To that end, Senator Corker has consistently voted in favor of appropriations measures for our troops that do not contain extraneous measures.

- ✓ **Supporting Tennessee’s National Guard.** More than 15,000 members strong, Tennessee’s Air and Army National Guard stand ready to respond to any crisis at any time at home or abroad. Senator Corker works side-by-side with the Tennessee Congressional delegation to ensure that our Guardsmen and women have the proper equipment to carry out their mission. In addition, Senator Corker supports expansion of the capabilities of the Tennessee National Guard by bringing new missions to Tennessee that support our State and National security needs, such as the C-130 military sales training mission in Nashville.
- ✓ **Building Military Infrastructure at Home.** Constructing and maintaining quality facilities at American military installations is an important factor in the training and quality of life for our service members and their families. Senator Corker supports military construction budgets that will enhance critical mission preparedness and family support.



“Military families make tremendous sacrifices everyday to support their loved ones who are bravely serving our country. I thank America’s military families for their extraordinary commitment to our nation.”

- **Senator Bob Corker**

- ✓ **Enhancing Benefits for Military Families.**

Defending our Nation demands great personal sacrifice and selfless service, both from service members and their families. Today, there are over 710,000 military spouses. Despite being employable, these spouses are often discriminated against in the hiring process because of frequent relocations. In response, Senator Corker introduced the “Military Spouse Education and Employment Act of 2008” to provide new hiring incentives for employers who hire military spouses, authorize full transferability of the GI Bill benefit from a service member to his/her spouse or child, and study other employment opportunity programs that the Department of Defense could offer this important group of patriots. Transferability of the GI Bill benefit became law on June 30, 2008 and a new program to assist military spouses in pursuing portable careers was signed into law on October 14, 2008.

- ✓ **Protecting the Voting Rights of Service Members.** Voting is a fundamental right granted to all Americans. However, election ballots of many members of the military serving overseas – those fighting to protect our rights and freedoms – have not been counted in recent elections. In response, Senator Corker signed a letter to the Administration requesting an investigation into the implementation of programs designed to assist military voters and is a co-sponsor on legislation that will improve delivery times for military ballots.
- ✓ **Recognizing the Contributions of the Airborne Community.** The 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, headquartered at Fort Campbell, has played a critical role in defending our Nation’s interests since 1942. Senator Corker co-sponsored resolutions to recognize the contributions of all our Nation’s airborne forces and designate August 16 as “National Airborne Day” in 2007, 2009 and 2010.