

**U.S. Congresswoman Emily Randall (D, WA-06)**  
**Floor Speech on Military Construction Appropriations Bill Amendments**  
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**Rep. Randall:** Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this bipartisan package of amendments, which include 11 key priorities for military families in my district. Our military's readiness relies on the people and facilities that keep it running every day, and my district is home to Naval Base Kitsap, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, the Tacoma Narrows Reserve Center, and constituents stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

I've seen the challenges at these installations firsthand. Workers are stuck in traffic trying to get to the shipyard during shift changes, military families like so many others struggling to access affordable child care, aging water infrastructure continues to strain naval installations, and veterans in rural communities are driving hours across my district just to reach specialty care appointments.

My amendments take practical steps to address these problems. They'll help strengthen electrical grid resilience in our public shipyards, improve industrial safety infrastructure, modernize aging water and wastewater systems, improve transportation access around naval installations. This package also invests in military families through expanded child care capacity, workforce support spaces, and employment resources for military spouses — and importantly, one of my amendments would require an assessment of transportation barriers.

And importantly one of my amendments would require an assessment of transportation barriers facing veterans in rural and highly rural communities seeking specialty care. These are practical investments. They strengthen readiness, they support families, and they'll improve the lives of people who serve this country every single day. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan package and yield back.