

Since 1999, I have served on the [House Appropriations Committee](#), when my colleagues in the Democratic Caucus

Two-thirds of federal spending is automatically allocated to mandatory payments such as Social Security

I am the top Democrat on the [Subcommittee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Wildlife](#), [Department, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies](#). This subcommittee has [Legislative](#) jurisdiction

[Department of Agriculture](#)

[Food and Drug Administration](#)

[Department of Health and Human Services](#)

California is the nation's largest agriculture production state, and the Central Coast tri-county region grows

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I am the second ranking [Democrat on the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies](#), which has legislative jurisdiction over [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) and military construction for

With two major military [education facilities in Monterey](#), I am in a good position [Naval Postgraduate School](#) to assist both the [Department of Defense](#) and the [Department of the Navy](#) in upgrading

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