

## Slotkin Highlights Provisions Included in Defense Budget

The 27 amendments strengthen pharmaceutical supply chains, examine foreign influences on national security

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today, 27 provisions added by U.S. Rep. Elissa Slotkin (MI-07) to the 2024 <u>National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)</u> passed Congress and are now set to be signed into law by the President.

A member of both the House Armed Services Committee and NDAA Conference Committee, Slotkin has participated in the NDAA process at every turn, where she advocated strongly for her amendments and other Michigan priorities.

In the end, Slotkin secured a number of provisions that strengthen our national security in several ways, including shoring up our nation's pharmaceutical supply chains and protecting the auto industry from foreign influence.

"Michiganders saw firsthand the consequences of outsourced pharmaceutical supply chains earlier this year when our hospitals faced a dire shortage of critical cancer treatments," said Slotkin. That's why the provisions I advocated for in the NDAA process prioritized the stockpiling and manufacturing of medications and their components. I've heard directly from so many in Michigan who have had their lives or those of their loved ones upended by drug shortages, and these provisions will take steps towards making them a thing of the past.

"I also championed provisions relating to other Michigan priorities, like protecting our auto industry from foreign influence and supporting military bases in Michigan, among others – in total, 27 of my provisions were included in the final version that passed Congress.

"And finally, I'm pleased that this bill preserves the bipartisan spirit of the legislation my Armed Services Committee colleagues and I passed this summer in a 58-1 vote. It is a firm rejection of attempts to use must-pass legislation as a vehicle for partisan priorities, does not include language that would restrict service members' ability to get reproductive health care, along with other partisan items, and I look forward to it being signed into law."

Provisions addressing pharmaceutical supply chains championed by Slotkin that were included in the final version of the NDAA include:

• Stockpiling active pharmaceutical ingredients: Requires the Department of Defense to develop a plan for stockpiling a 180-day supply of essential medications and mitigate vulnerabilities to active pharmaceutical ingredient supply chains.

- **Providing the authority to accelerate pharmaceutical manufacturing:** Provides the President with additional authority to accelerate or incentivize domestic manufacturing of active pharmaceutical ingredients, as allowed under the Defense Production Act.
- **Expanding pharmaceutical manufacturing:** Directs the Department of Defense to establish a pilot program to expand domestic manufacturing of active pharmaceutical ingredients to reduce the Department's dependence on China.

## Additional provisions championed by Slotkin that were included in the final version of the NDAA include:

- Air National Guard fighters: Requires the Air Force to develop a strategy on tactical fighter force structure to ensure our military bases – including those in Michigan – are properly equipped and resourced.
- Restrictions on U.S. officials training foreign militaries: Requires DoD to assess restrictions on former DoD officials working for foreign countries that have expressed adversarial intent against the United States.
- **Chinese Autonomous Vehicles:** Requires DoD to identify the national security risks of Chinese autonomous vehicles operating in the U.S.

Importantly, the bipartisan committee removed language restricting abortion rights for service women in the final version of the NDAA today, which <u>Slotkin previously fought against when the bill was before the House</u>.