

CONGRESSMAN

# Jimmy Panetta

PROUDLY REPRESENTING THE 20TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



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Dear Neighbor,

## Legislative Update

This month and every month, I work to honor and fight for our nation's principles, values, and laws. I am proud to have introduced recently the following legislation that I believe upholds the values that we hold dear on the central coast of California:

1. I introduced the bipartisan [No NATO Withdrawal Act](#) to reassert Congressional support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Many of the military installations located in our district on the Central Coast provide support for the mission of NATO. This bipartisan bill would prohibit funds from being used to withdraw the United States from NATO. Additionally, it states that it is the policy of the United States to remain a member in good standing of NATO, to reject any efforts to withdraw from the alliance, and to continue to work with member nations to ensure each country spends at least 2 percent of its GDP on defense spending, in accordance with the 2014 NATO Wales Summit agreement.
2. Co-Introduced a bipartisan package with fellow members of the Problem Solvers Caucus to [break the gridlock](#) in Congress through making common-sense changes to the House Rules. The proposed rule changes will allow for more debate and votes, leading to more bipartisan bills and amendments to come to the House floor. We have an obligation to address the issues that are important to our constituents. This helps us fulfill our responsibility and pass lasting solutions to benefit our neighbors on the Central Coast.
3. Co-Sponsored the bipartisan [VET-2-FARM Act](#) which invests in our next generation of farmers by paving the way for veterans to pursue their American Dream in agriculture. Our district is home to a large veteran population and a thriving agriculture industry. This legislation seeks to give veterans more

opportunity as they transition out of the military and begin productive careers as farmers and ranchers in our communities.

4. Co-Introduced bipartisan legislation [to amend the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 to require Congressional approval before the President adjusts imports that are determined to threaten to impair national security](#). The Administration imposed trade barriers on several U.S. trading partners. These policies and tariffs have the potential to negatively impact American industries and consumers, including our district's \$5 billion agriculture economy.
5. I joined my colleagues on both sides of the aisle [to urge the Administration](#) to ensure adequate compensation within the \$12 billion aid package for specialty crop farmers impacted by tariffs. As the representative of the Salad Bowl of the World, I believe that the Administration must stop these shortsighted trade actions before the agriculture industry loses complete access to key international markets.
6. Co-Introduced the bipartisan [STEM and Trade in Schools Act](#) to improve technical education and expand teacher grant opportunities to ensure our educators are equipped with the training and expertise needed to prepare our future workforce.
7. Co-Introduced [bipartisan legislation to expand opportunities for seasonal employees](#) of the National Park Service (NPS) to work in multiple parks each year. This was done in response to the Administration's policy change that limited such movement. Pinnacles National Park in our district benefits from dedicated public servants who are committed to improving access to parks on the Central Coast.

### **Mobile Office Hours in August**

Mobile office hours are an opportunity for members of the community to meet with Congressional staff, and are offered in addition to meetings in the Salinas and Santa Cruz Congressional offices. Congressional staff members will be available to assist with issues concerning Social Security, Medicare, federal employee retirement, immigration services, veterans' services, passports, searching for military records, and any other federal matters. To schedule a meeting, please call our Salinas District Office: (831) 424-2229.

#### ***Soledad***

**Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Soledad City Council Chambers

485 Main Street

Soledad, CA 93960

#### ***Watsonville***

**Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Watsonville Public Library  
275 Main Street, Suite 100  
Watsonville, CA 95076

*Hollister*

**Thursday, August 9, 2018**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Veteran's Memorial Building  
649 San Benito Street  
Hollister, CA 95023

*Santa Cruz - Veterans Mobile Office Hours*

**Wednesday, August 29, 2018**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Veterans Memorial Building  
846 Front Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

**Town Halls**

This month, I am holding town halls in cities across our Congressional District. These meetings will be opportunities for members of our community to share their ideas and concerns about issues affecting the central coast of California. Seating is first come first served. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Town halls will also be live-streamed on my [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages. You can find those web-links at <https://panetta.house.gov/>

*Salinas*

**Tuesday, August 14**

**Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Monterey County Board of Supervisor's Chamber  
168 West Alisal Street, First Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

*Watsonville*

**Wednesday, August 15**

**Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Watsonville Community Plaza Community Room  
275 Main Street, Fourth Floor  
Watsonville, CA 95076

*Monterey*

**Thursday, August 16**

**Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Monterey Institute of International Studies  
Irvine Auditorium  
499 Pierce Street

Monterey, CA 93940

**Providing New Opportunities for the Next Generation on the Central Coast**

My Salinas and Washington, D.C. offices are now accepting applications for fall interns. Responsibilities include assisting staff with constituent outreach, casework, and office management. As a part of their responsibilities, interns will be asked to help with answering phones, writing letters, assisting constituents, and legislative research. To apply for an internship in my Salinas office, please send a cover letter with your availability and resume to Katie Moon ([katharine.moon@mail.house.gov](mailto:katharine.moon@mail.house.gov)), for Washington, D.C., send a cover letter with your availability and resume to Carly Andrus ([carly.andrus@mail.house.gov](mailto:carly.andrus@mail.house.gov)). If you have any questions about the internship application process or internship experience, please don't hesitate to call Katie at (831) 424-2229 or Carly at (202) 225-2861. It is a great opportunity to volunteer and provide service to the people of the 20<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jimmy Panetta', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

JIMMY PANETTA  
Member of Congress