

Senator James M. Inhofe (R-OK)

Over nearly four decades of service in the United States Congress, Senator James M. Inhofe has been a stalwart advocate for a strong national defense, consistently noting that the first function of the federal government is to protect the country. Currently serving as Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, he has used his positions in committee leadership and on the Airland, Readiness and Management Support, and Strategic Forces Subcommittees to champion measures that strengthen America's military and support its veterans, with whom he has always had a personal connection stemming from his own service in the U.S. Army.

Senator Inhofe unapologetically champions a military that is capable of defending America's

interests against the challenges posed by the People's Republic of China, Russia, and rogue regimes like those that control North Korea and Iran. In the Senator's own words: "The credibility of American deterrence rests on a simple foundation. America prevents wars by convincing its adversaries they cannot win." This is the end to which he has dedicated himself: a military that has the resources and readiness it needs to protect our country, our fellow citizens, and our way of life.

Although Senator Inhofe is retiring from public service at the end of the 117th Congress, his years of dedication to the safety and security of our country have produced a legacy that will remain profoundly meaningful for generations to come.