

WNDC PUBLIC POLICY AND POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Positions on National Security

WNDC believes that the national security of the United States and the well-being of all our citizens depend on the robust use of our diplomatic, economic, informational, and military capabilities to strengthen and protect democratic alliances, nations, and values throughout the world. At this moment of testing of international peace and security, the power and purpose of U.S. diplomacy must focus on marshalling alliances and partnerships to stand up to aggression and to uphold the principles that have underpinned global peace and prosperity for decades. These foreign policy capabilities, in turn, are dependent on the domestic renewal and strengthening of our own democratic institutions and values.

WNDC, for its part, will serve as a forum for a vigorous but civil debate on the best ways forward to deal effectively with the ever-increasing challenges posed by transnational threats: climate crises, global health emergencies, attempts by revisionist powers to change borders, international economic inequalities, refugee flows, and revolutionary digital information technologies.

The WNDC calls for policymakers to:

- Lead by example and by participating in global forums, and reinforce democratic values at home and abroad, working with our partners and allies to show that democracies deliver for our citizens and for each other.
- Introduce and support legislation to build and strengthen alliances with other democracies worldwide to protect and advance our shared interests—in particular to fund ongoing reinforcement for Ukraine, support a sustainable and just peace in the Middle East, provide support to preserve and expand NATO, and further cooperation with Asian allies in the face of expansionism by the People’s Republic of China (PRC).
- Strengthen global health security to better prevent, detect, and respond to future pandemics—because none of us will be safe until all of us are safe.
- Ensure the effective and timely adjudication of applications from asylum-seekers and others attempting to immigrate to the United States.
- Build on the success of the Biden administration’s Inflation Reduction Act to support actions to meliorate the climate crisis, an existential threat increasingly impacting American communities that can be met only through concerted global action led by the United States. This will include investing in climate resilience and green energy here at home and abroad and leading a global effort to reduce carbon pollution.
- Pass legislation to promote secure and resilient supply chains, lead internationally to push back against unfair trade practices, and build a more stable, inclusive global economy.
- Work with the departments of State and Commerce and the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to shape the rules and standards that will govern emerging critical technologies like artificial intelligence so that they serve U.S. interests, secure our competitive edge, and uphold American values.