

# **AMERICAN VETERANS FOR TULSI GABBARD**

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## **In Support of Tulsi Gabbard for Director of National Intelligence**

We, the undersigned Veterans of the United States Armed Forces, strongly and unequivocally endorse Tulsi Gabbard to serve as President Trump's Director of National Intelligence.

President Donald Trump's selection of Tulsi Gabbard reflects a profound recognition of her steadfast dedication to our nation and her unwavering commitment to safeguarding the American people. While most Americans know Tulsi as a fearless and principled Congresswoman who stood up to entrenched political systems, we know her as a fellow veteran—one whose worldview was forged through the crucible of serving in combat zones and a lifelong devotion to service.

Because of the September 11th, 2001 terrorist attacks, Tulsi answered the call of duty, enlisted in the Army, and stepped away from her position as a Hawaii State Representative when she volunteered to deploy to Iraq with her unit. Instead of using her political status to avoid deployment, Tulsi volunteered to serve in a medical unit in Iraq, directly facing the harsh realities, costs, and traumas of war.

Her commitment to service did not end there.

For nearly twenty-two years, Tulsi has continued to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with her fellow servicemembers. Most recently, she deployed with a Special Operations Task Force in Africa, combating Islamist terrorist cell threats. As a Member of Congress and as a civilian, Tulsi has been a stalwart advocate for veterans' health concerning toxic exposures and cancer care as a result of our fellow veterans' military service. Tulsi's life exemplifies a rare blend of selflessness, courage, and leadership—qualities desperately needed to reform and strengthen our intelligence community.

We are appalled by the baseless attacks questioning Tulsi's loyalty to our great nation. For over 20 years and across multiple combat deployments, Tulsi has risked her life to defend the safety, security and freedom of the American people. These attacks insult not only her, but every one of us Veterans who have served our country.

Unable and unwilling to challenge the substance of her views, her critics resort to baseless lies and smears, exposing the weakness of their arguments. Tulsi's patriotism, shaped on the battlefield, mirrors the values and aspirations of the American people far more than the failed policies of so-called "experts" in Washington, who have been part of the problem for too long.

President Trump has a clear mandate to enhance national security without engaging in needless wars or infringing on civil liberties. He chose Tulsi Gabbard because she embodies that vision and will carry out that mandate. As Director of National Intelligence, she will be a fearless reformer and a true patriot, ensuring that the intelligence apparatus serves the American people and protects our Republic.

We are deeply grateful to President Trump for appointing Tulsi Gabbard to this critical role and proud to stand beside her—a leader whose courage and convictions we know firsthand. A warrior whose vote cannot be bought, and whose integrity cannot be folded. We are honored to call her one of our own.

Signed,

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