

U.S.-KOREA RELATIONS

FOSTER PEACE, STABILITY, AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA

BACKGROUND

- Since the Korean War, the partnership between the United States and South Korea has expanded to include global economic policy coordination, nuclear cooperation, energy security, and cybersecurity.
- The core mission of the U.S.-Korea alliance lies on defending against a North Korean threat that has regional and global ramifications and on fostering a lasting peace and security on the Korean peninsula.
- On June 12th, 2018, President Trump opened a new era of history by signing a joint statement with Kim Jong Un of North Korea. Though the agreement has its shortcomings, the Korean American community recognizes it as an epochal beginning of a prolonged and difficult process of peacefully resolving the North Korean crisis.
- A number of opinion polls demonstrate that the majority of the public, both Republican and Democrat, support the U.S. policy to defend South Korea.²⁴
- Polls also show that there is an increased public support for engaging North Korea to solve the current security crisis. An October 2018 report by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs finds that **77% of Americans support establishing diplomatic relations with North Korea should they give up their nuclear weapons.**²⁵

CHALLENGE

- A peaceful resolution of the North Korean crisis is a difficult and delicate process that would require a prolonged approach.

IT IS THE UTMOST PRIORITY OF THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO FOSTER A LASTING PEACE, STABILITY, AND SECURITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

- 116th Congress** **S.1658:** North Korea Policy Oversight Act of 2019
Introduced by Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ) in May 2019.
H.R.2949: North Korea Policy Oversight Act of 2019
Introduced by Rep. Eliot Engel (D, NY-16) in May 2019.
- 115th Congress** **S.3142:** North Korea Policy Oversight Act of 2018
introduced by Senator Bob Menendez (D-NJ) in June 2018
H.R.6012: North Korea Nuclear Baseline Act
introduced by Rep. Eliot Engel (D, NY-16) in June 2018
S.2047 / H.R.5434: Preventing Preemptive War in North Korea Act of 2017
introduced by Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) in October 2017 and by Rep. Ted Lieu (D, CA-33) in April 2018
H.Res.861: Supporting the President's diplomatic efforts on the Korean Peninsula
introduced by Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D, HI-2) in April 2018
S.2016 / H.R.4837: No Unconstitutional Strike Against North Korea Act of 2017
introduced Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) in October 2017 and by Rep. Ro Khanna (D, CA-17) in January 2018