



# NATIONAL SECURITY A TOP PRIORITY

*The United States must continue to confront potential terrorist attacks at home and stand up to threats abroad.*

In an increasingly hostile world, America must confront threats to our national security, whether they're from authoritarian rulers, rogue states, or terrorist organizations. As technology and social media allow extremists to radicalize individuals around the globe, the United States must remain vigilant and grant our intelligence organizations the tools they need to track down terrorists.

## Highlights of Sen. Thune's Commitment to National Security

- **Standing Up to Russian Aggression:**

- Sen. Thune [called for a swift and comprehensive response](#) to Russia's attack on Ukraine, including strict sanctions, reinforcing NATO, and [providing Ukraine lethal military equipment](#).
- Sen. Thune previously supported sanctions against Russia following the annexation of Crimea and the invasion of Eastern Ukraine.

- **Curbing Iran's Nuclear Ambition:**

- Sen. Thune is a [vocal opponent of Iran's nuclear program](#) and the Biden administration's intent to rejoin or remake the failed Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or Iran Nuclear Deal.
- Sen. Thune [opposed](#) President Obama's Iran nuclear deal that paved the way for Iran's future nuclear weapons development, and he has [asserted that any such deal must be brought to the Senate](#) as a treaty.

- **Responding to North Korea's Weapons Tests:**

- Sen. Thune supports robust defense spending to [maintain a credible military deterrent](#) to rogue nuclear states like North Korea.
- Sen. Thune voted to increase North Korean sanctions following the country's continued missile and nuclear tests.

- **Accountability for Failed Afghanistan Withdrawal:**

- Sen. Thune is [leading the effort](#) to require the U.S. State Department to release a public, unclassified version of the July 13, 2021, internal dissent channel cable that reportedly warned of the rapidly deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan and the Taliban's ability to capture Kabul. The bill would also require the State Department to provide Congress with a classified version of the dissent cable.
- Sen. Thune also [authored a bill](#) to require notification any time it is determined that U.S. military equipment that was abandoned in Afghanistan, Iraq, or Syria is used in a terrorist attack against the United States or its allies or used in nearby regions.

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