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Working
hard for
Orange County
and making a difference



Rep. Mimi Walters meets with constituents in her District Office to discuss legislation and constituents services.

“We can make positive change if we put our differences aside and work together. That’s my goal as your representative.”



As the Representative for the 45th District, Mimi Walters is working to make life better for her constituents

Wildfires

Mimi Walters INTRODUCED H.R. 4397 to provide tax relief for those whose homes and property were lost or damaged in the recent wildfires. The bill will:

- ▶ Allow wildfire victims to deduct property loss/ damages from their taxes.
- ▶ Temporarily suspend the limit on charitable contributions.
- ▶ Provide a tax credit for employment relief.
- ▶ VOTED for \$36.5 billion in emergency funding for hurricane and wildfire disaster relief.
- ▶ VOTED for \$576.5 million to U.S. Forest Service and Interior Department for active wild fire suppression activities.
- ▶ REQUESTED the Administration increase federal funds to California for protective measures and direct federal assistance for the October wildfires. The Administration approved this request on November 22, 2017.
- ▶ WORKED to obtain an additional \$4.4 billion in wildfire relief funds in the supplemental disaster bill.



Rep. Mimi Walters is briefed on progress in fighting Southern California wildfires while visiting a fire zone.

Veterans, Military Families

- ▶ VOTED for a 2.4% pay increase for our troops, the highest pay increase since 2011.
- ▶ VOTED to ensure GI bill benefits don't expire.
- ▶ VOTED to allow eligible veterans to use benefits for non-traditional educational courses (like coding classes).
- ▶ VOTED to expand education benefits for national guardsmen and reservists.
- ▶ VOTED to end backlog in VA appeals by streamlining the disability appeals process.
- ▶ VOTED to make it easier to fire poorly performing VA employees and expand whistleblower protections.



Rep. Mimi Walters talks about support for military families with two United States Marines at a Memorial Day observance.

Senior Citizens

- ▶ VOTED in favor of the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act, which would eliminate the Independent Payment Advisory Board - an unelected body of bureaucrats who currently have the authority to cut Medicare.

“The wildfires that have ravaged our state in 2017 are a national disaster and government at all levels need to work together to make sure impacted families get the help they need to rebuild their lives.”



“My father was a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. I know the sacrifices military families make and I am committed to making sure our country does more to help our veterans and their families.”