



The Berry Amendment Caucus – Protecting American Warfighters and American Jobs

What is the Berry Amendment?

The Berry Amendment, first enacted in 1941, requires the Department of Defense to procure certain critical items, such as textiles, clothing, footwear, tents, body armor, and food from domestic sources. This safeguard ensures that our men and women in uniform are never dependent on foreign supply chains for mission-essential items. The ability to equip and field the best warfighters in the world is dependent on a robust domestic industrial base that provides the individual servicemember combat overmatch during a time of conflict.

Why a Berry Amendment Caucus?

The Berry Amendment Caucus was founded in early 2026 and is a bipartisan, bicameral group of Members of Congress committed to strengthening national security and preserving American manufacturing. The caucus serves as a forum to:

- Highlight the importance of domestic industrial capacity in at-risk sectors such as textiles, combat and dress uniforms, ballistic helmets and armor, footwear and the host of products needed to field a warfighter.
- Protect jobs in Member districts by supporting American factories and workers who manufacture Berry-compliant goods.
- Educate colleagues on the wide range of products covered by the Berry Amendment, including body armor, shelters, and load-bearing equipment—not just clothing.
- Ensure consistent enforcement and modernization of Berry to keep pace with emerging needs of the warfighter.
- Expand the Berry Amendment to other federal agencies including DHS and the Department of Interior.

Why This Matters for Your District:

Members of Congress with Berry-compliant facilities in their districts represent a crucial link in America's defense industrial base. These jobs are often located in communities where manufacturing has disappeared elsewhere—and where defense contracts help sustain local economies. Joining the Berry Amendment Caucus demonstrates your commitment to:

- Protecting good-paying American jobs.
- Securing critical domestic supply chains.
- Supporting the warfighter with reliable, U.S.-made gear.

Why You Should Join:

By joining the Berry Amendment Caucus, Members of Congress can play a direct role in strengthening America's national security and supporting American workers. The caucus will provide a platform to spotlight the value of Berry-compliant manufacturing in your district and to champion policies that keep these industries strong and America prepared for any contingency.