

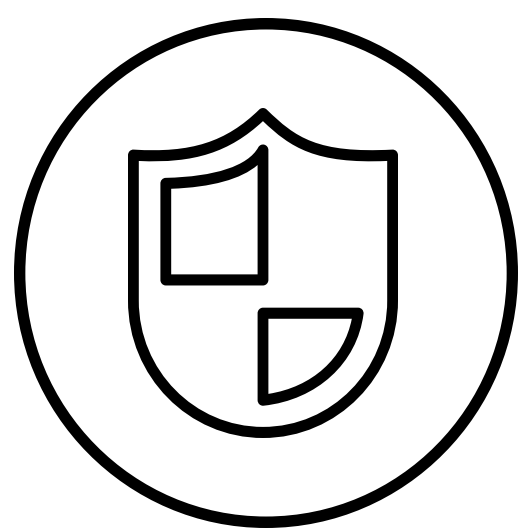


Fast Facts:

- Democrat, TX-20
- Year elected: 2012
- Number of terms: 4
- **Current Committees:** Foreign Affairs (Vice-Chair); Intelligence; Education
- **Notable Caucuses:** Congressional Hispanic Caucus (Chair); Texas Democratic Caucus (Chair); U.S.-Japan Caucus (Founding Co-Chair); U.S.-ASEAN Caucus (Founding Co-Chair)

ON THE ISSUES

ENDING ENDLESS WAR



- ✓ Voted for amendments to [repeal](#) the 2002 AUMF and to [express](#) the Sense of the Congress that the 2001 AUMF has been overused, should include a sunset clause, and must define targets in its reauthorization or replacement.
- ✓ Supported an [amendment](#) to eliminate indefinite military detention of any person detained under AUMF authority in the U.S., its territories, or its possessions. He also cosponsored [H.R. 2456](#), to immediately repeal the 2002 AUMF.
- ✓ He opposed the [reauthorization](#) of the USA FREEDOM Act.
- ✓ Voted to [completely end](#) U.S. military assistance to the Saudi-led coalition's intervention in Yemen, voting against a [carve-out](#) for certain types of support, including intelligence-sharing and targeting assistance.
- ✓ Voted to support [S.J.Res. 68](#), to prohibit unauthorized military force against Iran.
- ✓ Voted for an [amendment](#) to withdraw all U.S. forces and military personnel from Afghanistan by February 2021.
- ✗ Is not a cosponsor of [H.R. 1274](#), to sunset the 2001 AUMF within eight months. Castro was not in office when Congress passed the 2001 and 2002 AUMFs.

PENTAGON SPENDING



- ✓ Voted "yes" on reducing the Pentagon budget by 10%.
- ✓ Voted "yes" on reducing funding for the Pentagon's Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account by \$16.8 billion.
- ✓ Voted "no" on [H.R. 6395](#), the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).
- ✗ Is not a cosponsor to [H.Res.1003](#), that calls to reduce the Pentagon budget by \$350 billion.

DOMESTIC MILITARY MISUSE



- ✓ Voted for amendments that would [prohibit](#) the president from deploying troops to the southern border to enforce immigration law [and from](#) using authorized funds to detain undocumented immigrants in DoD facilities.
- ✓ Voted for an [amendment](#) to prevent DoD facilities from being used to detain unaccompanied migrant children.



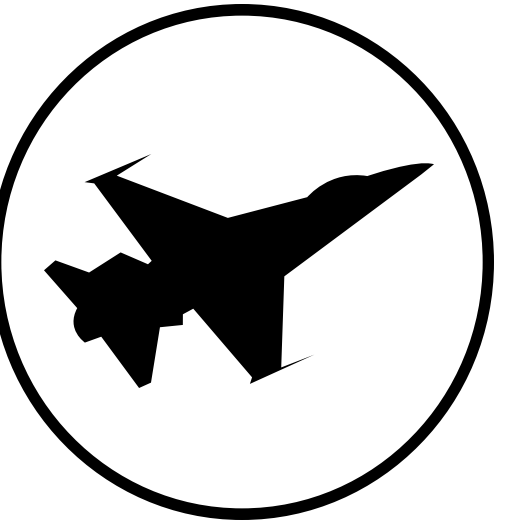
DIPLOMACY WITH IRAN AND NORTH KOREA

- ✓ Voted to support the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), known informally as the Iran deal. Castro has [publicly affirmed](#) his support for re-entering the deal.
- ✓ Is a cosponsor of [H.Res.152](#), a resolution that seeks to advance a peace agreement formally ending the Korean War and affirm that peace and denuclearization cannot be achieved absent reciprocal actions and confidence-building measures among all parties to the conflict.



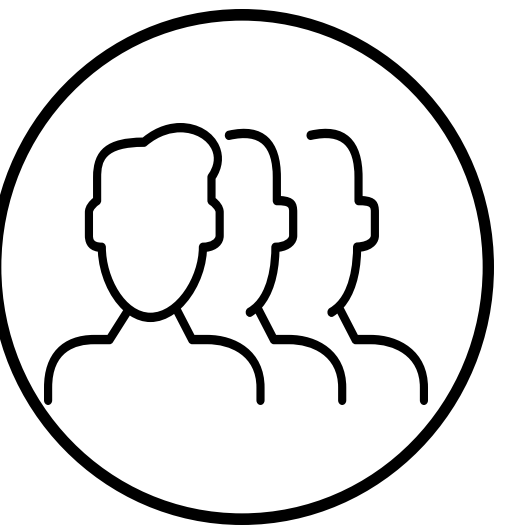
TRADE

- ✓ Opposed the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and [opposed](#) the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), meant to “fast-track” TPP and sideline Congress from the approval process.
- Was not a member of Congress in 2011 when Congress [voted to approve](#) the Colombia Free Trade Agreement over objections by progressives.



NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND ARMS CONTROL

- ✓ Voted “yes” on an [amendment](#) to withhold 10 percent of funds for a new Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) program until an independent study on the cost of extending the life of the existing ICBM vs. building a new ICBM was completed.
- ✓ Voted “yes” on [amendment](#) to block funding to the W80-4 nuclear warhead life extension program until completion of a study on the unexpected cost increases in the program.
- ✓ Voted “yes” on an [amendment](#) that would prohibit funding for missiles noncompliant with the INF Treaty.
- ✗ Is not a cosponsor of [H.R. 921](#), legislation to make it the policy of the United States not to use nuclear weapons first in a conflict.



FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND ARMS SALES

- ✓ Voted in support of an [amendment](#) to end the sale and transfer of precision guided munitions to arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, a weapon the Saudi/Emirati-led coalition has used to recklessly kill Yemeni civilians during its intervention in Yemen.
- ✓ Signed on to a House [letter](#) to Sec. of State Mike Pompeo to condemn any use of U.S.-supplied equipment to demolish Palestinian homes in the West Bank and call on the State Department to ensure that U.S.-supplied equipment was not being used by Israel to demolish Palestinian homes in the West Bank. This standard is required by the Arms Export Control Act.
- ✓ Stated [publicly](#) that U.S. military aid to Israel shouldn’t be used for annexation plans.

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

For the 2020 electoral cycle, [Castro has stopped accepting corporate PAC donations](#). During his career Castro has received \$171,887 in [defense industry contributions](#), \$169,000 of which were from PACs. Many of these contributions have come from corporations such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon Technologies. On Open Secrets, Castro is reported to have received \$12,388 in “[pro-Israel](#)” contributions, \$7,000 of which come from JStreetPAC.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

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[Response to Win Without War Questionnaire](#)

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