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The Honorable Tom Latham
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Latham,

The Military Coalition, a consortium of 35 military and veterans organizations representing more than 5.5 million members, would like to thank you for introducing H.R. 1406, which reasonably increases the levels of household goods (HHG) weight allowances afforded to senior noncommissioned officers during permanent change of station (PCS) moves.

The current PCS HHG weight allowances for senior NCOs are inequitable and inconsistent with their time in service, the normal accumulation of goods that occurs during a career, increases in family size over time, personal status and additional leadership responsibilities, and the respect they are due. H.R. 1406 takes a balanced approach to redress these issues.

This legislation will be welcomed by the thousands of career enlisted personnel who are selflessly serving our Nation in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and other assignments throughout the world. The legislation also conveys a dramatic positive message to these personnel and their families that Congress cares about and honors their service and sacrifice.

The Coalition appreciates your leadership and commitment to the men and women of our Armed Forces and stands ready to support this legislation in the 109th Congress.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition
(Signatures enclosed)

cc: Representatives Hunter, Skelton, Jones (NC), McHugh, Snyder