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The Honorable Walter B. Jones
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jones:

The Military Coalition, a consortium of nationally prominent military and veterans associations representing 5.5 million active, Guard, Reserve, retired and former members of the uniform services, plus their families and survivors, is grateful for your initiative to ensure fair and equal treatment for military service members by sponsoring HR 2398, *Service Members First Time Homebuyer Relief Act of 2009*.

Your bill would amend the current tax law waiving the recapture of a first-time homebuyer credit for a member of the Armed Forces who is forced to sell his or her residence during the 36 month period after the purchase because of deployment, a change in duty station, or orders to reside in base housing. The Coalition appreciates your foresight and strong support in ensuring the fair treatment of those serving their nation.

In the interest of equity, the Coalition urges you to amend the bill to extend eligibility to all members of the "uniform services" vice "armed forces". Such a change would extend the proposed waiver to uniformed members of the United States Public Health Service (UPHS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) serving overseas. If your staff has any questions concerning our position on this matter, please have them contact Col Phil Odom, USAF (Ret), at 703 838-0534 or philo@moaa.org.

Sincerely,

The Military Coalition
(Signatures enclosed)

Air Force Association
Air Force Sergeants Association
Air Force Women Officers Associated
American Logistics Association
AMVETS (American Veterans)
Army Aviation Association of America
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States
Association of the United States Army
Association of the United States Navy
Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association, U.S. Coast Guard
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service, Inc.
Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States
Fleet Reserve Association
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.
Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America
Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America
Marine Corps League
Marine Corps Reserve Association
Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
National Association for Uniformed Services
National Guard Association of the United States
National Military Family Association
National Order of Battlefield Commissions
Naval Enlisted Reserve Association
Non Commissioned Officers Association
Reserve Enlisted Association of the United States
Reserve Officers Association
Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces
The Retired Enlisted Association
United States Army Warrant Officers Association
United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States