

May 7, 2013

The Honorable Elijah Cummings Ranking Member, Oversight and Government Reform United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Cummings:

On behalf of the over 380,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), I am writing to express our support for H.R. 1842, the Military Family Home Protection Act of 2013, which would greatly expand foreclosure protections under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA).

Your bill would provide significant foreclosure safeguards for servicemembers who own homes and are sent into harm's way, regardless of when they purchased their home.

Our young men and women in uniform who are deployed to contingency operations will be able to focus on the mission at hand and not have to worry if their family remaining at home will be able to keep a roof over their head.

Fortunately your provision does not stop there. It extends protections to all medically retired military members who are forced to deal with career-altering changes in their lives.

Finally, the Military Family Home Protection Act includes a much needed mortgage refinancing option for servicemembers and their families who have been forced to relocate on orders yet kept their previous home because they couldn't afford to sell their home and incur a significant loss.

Thank you for your leadership, for continuing to look out after the interests of our Nation's servicemembers and their families, and for sponsoring this important bill – we pledge our strong support and look forward to its passage in FY 2013.

Sincerely,

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