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The Honorable Elijah Cummings  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2471 Rayburn House Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ranking Member Cummings:

On behalf of the 2 million men and women of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) and our Auxiliaries, I am pleased to offer our support to your Amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 that would provide greater protections and expand coverage of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

In a time of war, and when a large portion of our fighting force is being drawn from the National Guard and reserves, every protection must be taken to ensure their lives are not further complicated by financial worries while they are deployed and once they return home. Your proposal goes a long way in protecting the homes of our Guard and reserve members, veterans and their surviving spouses. By lengthening the time our service members have to get their financial affairs in order and by placing real punitive deterrents on lenders, our veterans can have one less thing to worry about while reintegrating from war.

Thank you for continuing to take the lead on this initiative, and for your continued support of our armed forces and veterans. We look forward to working with you to advance this critical initiative.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Kelley, Director  
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