



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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H.R. 2409: To Allow Certain Servicemembers to Terminate Their Cable, Satellite Television and Internet Access Service Contracts While Deployed

Background:

Under current federal law, active duty servicemembers are able to break long-term agreements such as home or apartment rental contracts, car leases and cell phone contracts in the event they are deployed or relocated, but there is no federal law to provide these protections for cable and satellite television services. While some states have laws on their books to allow active duty servicemembers to break their agreement with cable and satellite television providers, and some businesses voluntarily provide these protections to active duty servicemembers, there is currently no federal solution.

H.R. 2409 would extended existing federal protections to cable and satellite television services under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Under this legislation, servicemembers would only need to provide notice and a copy of their active duty orders to cable and satellite providers to terminate their contracts without penalty.

The Message:

- Currently, if an active duty servicemember is deployed, they are not guaranteed protection under federal law should they need to cancel their cable or satellite television contracts.
- Military families should not have the added worry of penalties for television services should they be given orders to relocate or deploy.
- H.R. 2409 would ensure the men and women who serve our country have peace of mind they will not be faced with expensive fees or penalties when given active duty orders.