



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Chairman Phil Roe, M.D.

H.R. 5882: The Gold Star Spouses Leasing Relief Act

Background:

Under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 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 specific provision to provide these protections for Gold Star spouses.

H.R. 5882 would allow surviving spouses to terminate residential leases at the time of a servicemember's death without penalty.

The Message:

- Gold Star spouses have already given so much for our country; the last thing they need is to worry about is expensive cancellation fees after their loved one's death.
- This bill would ensure surviving spouses are able to terminate leases at the time of their spouse's death if they choose to do so.
- This important legislation will provide relief to Gold Star families during an impossibly difficult time; it's the least a grateful nation can do to support the families of heroes who make the ultimate sacrifice.