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Outreach to Congress on Industry Concerns with the Global Household Goods Contract Program

ATA-MSC requests moving company members ask their lawmakers to sign letter(s) to US Transportation Command

Following engagement by the American Trucking Associations' Moving & Storage Conference, **several key Members of Congress have agreed to lead letters to US Transportation Command voicing industry concerns** about the GHC Program, commitment of industry capacity, and how the Program risks negative impacts to military readiness and military family quality of life.

The lawmakers have **asked that ATA-MSC and you, our member companies, help in getting other lawmakers to join them in signing these letters.**

To support this effort, **we invite you to draft a short letter urging your Congressional representatives to join as signatories to the letters.**

Below and [linked here](#) is a sample letter. As you see, it does not need to be long and detailed; it should **include your company's logo and physical address, reference how long you have been in business, and ask the lawmakers to sign the letters.** Finally, the letter should be signed by a senior leader within your company.

If you decide to draft a letter, please send the completed copy to rbowley@trucking.org. ATA-MSC will take care of providing them to lawmakers' offices.

Note that these Congressional letters are in addition to the ATA-MSC's work seeking a Congressionally requested study by the GAO on industry concerns around the feasibility and economics of the GHC Program.

Thank you for your continued engagement!
ATA Moving and Storage Conference

Example Draft Language of Letter to Congress

Please place on company letterhead with your physical address.

Send completed letters to rbowley@trucking.org

[DATE]

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

[INSERT NAME OF MOVING COMPANY] has been serving families relocating to and from our community since **[YEAR COMPANY STARTED]**. We are proud of the quality work we do, especially

when we move the household goods for our nation's servicemembers and military families on behalf of the Department of Defense (DOD).

Each year approximately 300,000 DOD personnel – both uniformed and civilian – relocate to new postings and assignments domestically or abroad. The movement of their household goods is set to transition to the DOD's Global Household Goods Contract Program (GHC Program).

This transition is a major change in how DOD carries out relocations, and many across the moving industry — including me and my company — are concerned that the GHC Program's structure, economics, and requirements, risks a shift of industry capacity away from serving military moves to other competing lines of business. If sufficient capacity in trucks, drivers, and crew are not available to meet the DOD's relocation requirements, there will be delays and other impacts to military household goods shipments.

A smooth military household goods relocation process supports military readiness and is vitally important to the quality of life for our military families. Because of these concerns, **Senator Jerry Moran and Representative Jennifer Kiggans are gathering signatures on separate letters to US Transportation Command asking their leadership to provide Congress with updates on the transition, moving industry participation commitments, and more. As a constituent company, [INSERT NAME OF MOVING COMPANY], asks our Congressional representatives to join in signing these letters.**

If you have questions, please contact Ryan Bowley, Executive Director of the American Trucking Associations' Moving and Storage Conference at rbowley@trucking.org.

Thank you for your continued leadership of our community and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

[SIGNATURE OF COMPANY SENIOR LEADER]

American Trucking Associations

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