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ATA-MSC Advocacy Update

HASC Approves Oversight of the GHC Program, including GAO Review, in FY25 NDAA

ATA-MSC Members -

Yesterday, the US House Armed Services Committee (HASC) approved provisions championed by the ATA Moving and Storage Conference to increase oversight of the DOD's Defense Personal Property Program and its Global Household Goods Contract Program. The committee's Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes directive report language requiring:

- An evaluation of the management and oversight of the GHC and the Defense Personal Property Program by the independent Government Accountability Office (GAO) by April 1, 2025; and
- 2. The delivery to the Committee of an assessment of the GHC's initial transition by December 31, 2024, including "a current assessment of industry enrollment."

In Fall 2023, the ATA-MSC's Executive Committee directed ATA-MSC to call on Congress to increase oversight of the GHC program, including assessing its feasibility in key areas such as capacity, economics, and the application of the Service Contract Act, and potential impacts to military readiness and military family quality of life. Over the past eight months, Conference and ATA staff have been actively engaged with Armed Services committee members and committee staff in pursuit of this oversight. Additionally, several ATA-MSC member company leaders met with Committee staff earlier this year to lend their voices to ATA-MSC's advocacy efforts.

Readiness Subcommittee Chairman Mike Waltz (R-FL) stated in prepared remarks that the House NDAA "provides necessary oversight of the global household goods contract. I remain concerned about a single point of failure in the new contract and emphasize that oversight from both TRANSCOM and Congress, provided in this print, is an important part of implementation."

ATA-MSC further applauds the Committee for including several provisions to support military spouse employment following a relocation. The FY25 NDAA will permanently authorize the Military Spouse Career Accelerator Pilot, a significant win for improving the overall quality of life for military families. This program provides essential employment support to military spouses, simplifies the transfer of professional licenses across states, and expands access to childcare.

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