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The Honorable John Kline
2439 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kline:

Thank you for sponsoring H.R. 4045.

Our brave men and women of the National Guard who have been serving as an operational force in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan are often deployed in excess of the rotational frequency of one year mobilized to five years demobilized established by Department of Defense (DOD) policy.

On January 19, 2007 the Department of Defense (DoD) established the Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence (PDMRA) program to allow more post deployment leave time for reintegration for soldiers who serve multiple deployments to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan within a 72 hour period. Unexpectedly, DoD implemented a change in policy effective October 1, 2011 which reduced mid course the promised leave for members who deployed prior to October 1, 2011 under the old policy. In some cases, members may lose 24 days of leave promised them under the former policy before they deployed.

NGAUS strongly supports H.R. 4045 now before the 112th Congress which would grandfather units mobilized and deployed under the old policy in order to allow them to return home with the leave originally promised them.

Our men and women who are serving in excess of rotational frequency policies deserve the reintegration leave promised to them before they deployed. Thank you again for your efforts in looking after the National Guard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gus Hargett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "H".

Gus Hargett
Major General, USA, (Ret)
President