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President

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The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hutchison,

On behalf of the 377,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), I am writing to urge you to cosponsor S. 724, the "Ensuring Pay For Our Military Act of 2011," recently introduced by Senators Bob Casey and Kay Bailey Hutchinson.

Recent media stories stating servicemembers may not be paid in the event of a government shutdown are only adding to unfair pressures on already over-stressed troops and families.

With loved ones involved in three separate combat operations and humanitarian relief in Japan, military families should not have to wonder if they will be able to cover house and car payments and other bills.

S. 724 would continue pay and allowances for active and reserve component forces in the event of a failure to enact interim or full-year appropriations for the Armed Forces. Absent any assurance that pay will continue, MOAA believes this legislation is essential to provide fair treatment for military members and families

We respectfully request that you cosponsor and support immediate passage of S. 724 to ensure this situation never arises again in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Norbert Ryan' in a cursive, slightly slanted script.

VADM Norbert Ryan Jr.
President
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