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The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Adrian Smith
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Trade
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Trade
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Neal, Chairman Smith and Ranking Member Blumenauer:

On behalf of Worldwide Employee Relocation Council (Worldwide ERC®), we strongly support the Ways and Means Committee reporting out favorably the Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act (H.R. 1568). H.R. 1568 will help protect from financial fraud and identity theft the personal data of military personnel and federal and private sector transferees who are shipping their household goods to the U.S.

Our membership is comprised of over 4,000 individuals and businesses that fulfill the facilitation of global and domestic work through the relocation and compliance of employees across the globe, as well as the companies that employ them. Our members include relocation management companies, household goods moving organizations, immigration firms, human resources consultancies and hundreds of other suppliers. These organizations include many small and family businesses as well as larger enterprises.

The requirement that U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) make the manifest information available to users has unfortunately made the identities and finances of military personnel and transferees vulnerable to criminals. Passage of H.R. 1568 will hopefully help ensure that the personally identifiable information of military personnel and transferees shipping their household goods to the U.S. will remain secure.

If our organization can be of any additional assistance in helping with passage of the legislation by the House of Representatives, please have a member of your staff contact Tristan North, Worldwide ERC® Government Affairs Adviser. He can be reached by email at tnorth@worldwideerc.org or phone at 703-842-3400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Jackson".

Michael T. Jackson
Vice President of Member Engagement and Public Policy
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