



June 25, 2021

Dear Senators Wyden, Crapo, Peters and Daines,

On behalf of Worldwide Employee Relocation Council (Worldwide ERC®), thank you for championing the Senate passage of legislative language to protect the personal data of military personnel and transferees who are shipping their household goods to the U.S. Our organization strongly supports the provision included in the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act (S. 1260) to ensure that personally identifiable information is removed from manifests before the material becomes public information. This language would help reduce the exposure of military personnel and transferees to financial fraud and identity theft.

Worldwide ERC® represents the people and businesses that facilitate the relocation and movement of talent. Our more than 5,400 workforce mobility and relocation professionals ensure that all laws are complied with while safely moving and relocating workers and their families as well as their household goods.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Peters", written in a cursive style.

Rebecca Peters

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