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Honorable Roy Blunt
United States Senate
SR-260 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Blunt:

On behalf of the over 2 million members of The American Legion I express support for S. 2137, the *Military Families Stability Act*. As written this legislation would amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a limited timeframe for the relocation of spouses and dependents of certain Armed Forces members undergoing a permanent change of duty station to facilitate the familial relocation with ease. This common sense legislation would provide much needed stability to these families by providing stability for up to six additional months during this difficult transition period. Unlike the civilian populace, military families are uprooted every two to three years potentially causing hardships to spouses and children as they are moved across the country or around the world.

The American Legion's Resolution No. 33: *Support for Military Quality of Life Standards*, passed at the 2015National Convention in Baltimore, MD provides for full support and funding of critical quality of life measures that affect military servicemembers and their families, who sacrifice so much, and endure so many hardships to keep America and our principles safe. We must always seek to ensure that military members and their families are taken care of and, if these hardships can be minimized, that our country does whatever we can to help ease the struggles of our service members and their families.

The American Legion supports passage of this legislation, and applauds your leadership in addressing this issue facing our servicemembers.

Respectfully,

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