

## **U.S. House of Representatives Resolution Supporting The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Recognizing April as the Month of the Military Child**

### **Overview**

More than 1.54M military-connected children and youth move, on average, 6 to 9 times during their educational career, often causing unique educational challenges. The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children was initiated in 2007 by the Department of Defense and developed by the Council of State Governments to ease the educational transitions of military-connected students attending public schools and Department of Defense schools worldwide. The compact is a contractual agreement between the member states.

### **Congressional Resolution and Member Sign-On**

Compact Commissioner Laura Anastasio (CT) engaged U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT), who sponsored the resolution. (A separate resolution will be introduced in the Senate and is forthcoming.) Compact commissioners, 50-member state and the District of Columbia, and ex-officio organizations **are encouraged to contact the appropriate Member of Congress and request their Member(s) to sign on to the resolution** which expresses support for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and for the designation of April 2024 as the “Month of the Military Child”.

**Rep. Courtney’s legislative contact is Samantha Devito, [samantha.devito@mail.house.gov](mailto:samantha.devito@mail.house.gov). The deadline is April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Contacting your Congressional Member**

As a majority of compact commissioners are employed by state departments/agencies, you are advised to contact the legislative affairs director (or equivalent) for advisement on contacting your Member(s) of Congress. Include a link to your state profile found [here](#).

For compact commissioners who can contact their Member of Congress directly, consider using the sample email script provided below. Your message may be directed to the Member’s education legislative assistant or a support staffer. [Visit this link to find your U.S. House of Representatives or Congressional Member\(s\)](#).

[View a draft copy of the resolution here.](#)

#### **Sample Email Script**

Dear Congressman/woman \_\_\_\_\_,

*My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am the Compact Commissioner for the state of [state name], and I would like to request you cosponsor the congressional resolution sponsored by Congressman Joe Courtney that expresses support for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and for the designation of April 2024 as the “Month of the Military Child”. I ask you to join me in showing your support for military children by signing onto the resolution as an original co-sponsor by emailing Samantha Devito at [samantha.devito@mail.house.gov](mailto:samantha.devito@mail.house.gov) by the April 9<sup>th</sup> deadline.*

*Sincerely, (Commissioner name)*

#### **Sample Phone Script**

*Hello, my name is [name]. I am the Compact Commissioner for [state name]. I would like to speak with the education legislative assistant about the congressional resolution sponsored by Congressman Joe Courtney which expresses support for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and for the designation of April 2024 as the “Month of the Military Child”. I ask Congressman/woman \_\_\_\_\_ to show their support for military children by signing onto the resolution as an original co-sponsor by emailing Samantha Devito at [samantha.devito@mail.house.gov](mailto:samantha.devito@mail.house.gov) by the April 9<sup>th</sup> deadline.*

Instead of calling your Member’s DC office, consider calling their local district office. District offices tend not to receive as many phone calls as the DC office does.

**Should you have questions, contact the national office at (859) 244-8069 or [cimai@csq.org](mailto:cimai@csq.org).**

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