

# **The Warren-Ernst Amendment on Military Housing/Federal Enclave**

Dear Military Spouses,

As you know, on-base privatized housing continues to be plagued with issues. We have been given the opportunity to make a difference and improve the living conditions for our families through the [Warren-Ernst Amendment on Military Housing/Federal Enclave](#).

This bill is currently being put before the Senate Armed Services Committee and will address a legal loophole that housing providers have been exploiting to the detriment of military families. If passed, this law will require all military housing providers to abide by modern-day state and local laws, ensuring that military families have safe, sanitary, and compliant housing.

To guarantee this bill has bipartisan support and is included in the 2025 NDAA, we need your help. Below you will find two letters:

- (1) addressed to the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) and
- (1) addressed to the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC)

Both committees will need to support this amendment for it to be included in the 2025 NDAA and become law. By sending these letters, you can make a difference in the lives of thousands of military families.

**Note: This bill goes to a vote on Wednesday, June 12th, 2024. Please take action ASAP by sending these letters and sharing this information with other military families.**

Below, you will find templates and instructions on how to best contact each of these committees. Your time and effort will truly make a difference.

Thank you for your support!

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## **Letter 1: Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee**

**Step 1: Copy/Paste this list of emails into the BCC line of your email:**

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**Step 2: Copy/Paste this into the SUBJECT line of your email:**

The Warren-Ernst Amendment on Military Housing/Federal Enclave

**Step 3: Copy/Paste this into the BODY of your email and insert your name:**

**NOTE:** If you are a resident of (or are currently stationed in) Michigan or Kentucky, please mention that in your letter to the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (Letter 1)

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am writing to you as a concerned military spouse, urging your action regarding the Warren-Ernst Amendment on military housing. I have heard that an amendment dealing with military housing and the federal enclave doctrine, co-led by Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senator Joni Ernst, may be referred to the HSGAC. I ask for your support in encouraging Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Paul to waive HSGAC's jurisdiction over the Warren-Ernst amendment and allow the Senate Armed Services Committee to consider it at their NDAA markup on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

As you may be aware, the current state of military housing has been plagued with numerous issues ranging from mold infestations to structural deficiencies, all of which pose serious health risks and diminish the overall quality of life for our service members and their families.

Your action will support this crucial amendment requiring all military housing providers to abide by modern-day state and local laws, ensuring that military families have safe, sanitary, and compliant housing.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]  
[YOUR BASE], [BRANCH OF SERVICE]

## **Letter 2: The Senate Armed Services Committee**

**Step 1: Copy/Paste this list of emails into the BCC line of your email:**

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**Step 2: Copy/Paste this into the SUBJECT line of your email:**

The Warren-Ernst Amendment on Military Housing/Federal Enclave

**Step 3: Copy/Paste this into the BODY of your email and insert your name:**

**NOTE:** If you are a resident of (or are currently stationed in) Alaska or Mississippi, please mention that in your letter to the Senate Armed Services Committee (Letter 2)

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am writing to you as a concerned military spouse urging your support for the Warren-Ernst Amendment on military housing and the federal enclave doctrine. This crucial amendment will require all military housing providers to abide by modern-day state and local laws, ensuring that military families have safe, sanitary, and compliant housing.

As you may be aware, the current state of military housing has been plagued with numerous issues ranging from mold infestations to structural deficiencies, all of which pose serious health risks and diminish the overall quality of life for our service members and their families. Military families, who already face the unique challenges of frequent relocations and prolonged deployments, deserve housing that meets the same standards as civilian housing.

The Warren-Ernst Amendment presents a vital step forward in holding military housing providers accountable, guaranteeing that our homes meet the modern safety and habitability standards set forth by state and local laws. This will not only protect the well-being of military families but also reinforce the commitment our nation has made to support those who serve.

I kindly request your favorable consideration for the Warren-Ernst Amendment and your dedication to improving the living conditions for military families across the country. Your support will make a tangible difference in the lives of countless military families who have sacrificed so much in service to our nation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME]  
[YOUR BASE], [BRANCH OF SERVICE]

## **Phone Call Instructions**

### **Step 1: Call these numbers urging the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee to waive their jurisdiction on the Warren-Ernst Amendment:**

- Senator Peters, HSGAC chair (personal office): (202) 224 – 6221
- Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee: (202) 224 – 2627
- Senator Rand Paul, HSGAC ranking member (personal office): (202) 224 – 4343

### **Step 2: Introduce yourself and reference the following script:**

“Hello, My name is [Your Name], and I am calling your office as a concerned military spouse. I want to request your action regarding the Warren-Ernst Amendment on military housing.

I have heard that an amendment dealing with military housing and the federal enclave doctrine, co-led by Senator Elizabeth Warren and Senator Joni Ernst, may be referred to the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

I ask for your support in encouraging Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Paul to waive the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee's jurisdiction over the Warren-Ernst amendment.

This will allow the Senate Armed Services Committee to consider it at their NDAA markup on Wednesday, June 12th.

Your action will support this crucial amendment that will require all military housing providers to abide by modern-day state and local laws, ensuring that military families have safe, sanitary, and compliant housing.”

### **Step 3: Call these numbers urging the Senate Armed Services Committee to support the Warren-Ernst Amendment.:**

- Senator Wicker, SASC Ranking Member: (202) 224 – 6253
- Senator Sullivan, SASC member (R-Alaska): (202) 224 – 3004
- Senate Armed Services Committee: (202) 224 – 3871

### **Step 4: Introduce yourself and reference the following script:**

“ My name is [YOUR NAME], and I am calling your office as a concerned military spouse. I am asking for your support of the Warren-Ernst Amendment on military housing and the federal enclave doctrine.

The Senate Armed Services Committee is set to consider this amendment at their NDAA markup on Wednesday, June 12th.

This crucial amendment will require all military housing to abide by modern-day state and local laws, ensuring that military families have safe, sanitary, and compliant housing.

If passed, it will require military housing providers to meet the modern safety and habitability standards set forth by state and local laws.

The Warren-Ernst Amendment is a vital step forward in holding Military Housing Providers accountable.

It will not only protect the well-being of military families but also reinforce the commitment our nation has made to support those who serve.

Thank you.”