

I voted Yes on H.R. 2192, the National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Extension Act.

In 2005, Congress passed a law to modify consumer bankruptcy procedures, but in so doing made it more difficult for members of the National Guard and reservists to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy by. Since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, members of the Guard and reservists have been deployed for up to a year, making financial planning difficult and placing a burden on spouses to support their family until they return.

To help ease this burden, Congress passed the National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Act in 2008. Under this law, reservists and Guard members that are called for active duty are exempted from certain requirements when filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. This exemption is set to expire at the end of 2011.

HR 2192 would simply extend through 2016 an exemption for reservists and National Guard members who have served on active duty for at least 90 days since September 11, 2001.

I supported this bill which would ease a financial burden on the families of our National Guard and reservists who have served our nation so well.

The bill was approved by a vote of 407 - 1.