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## **Shuster Cosponsors Legislation Making Mailings to Troops in Iraq and Afghanistan Free of Charge**

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that he has signed on as a cosponsor to H.R. 1439, the “Supply our Soldiers Act of 2007.” This legislation would provide for free mailing privileges for personal correspondence and parcels sent to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan.

“Even in this age of e-mail and the Internet, nothing compares to getting a package or a letter in the mail from a family member or a close friend,” Shuster says. “For our brave soldiers serving overseas in the War on Terror, these reminders from home are even more important.”

The “Supply our Soldiers Act” would designate postal vouchers specifically designed to waive postal costs for eligible mailings to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, or soldiers in a U.S. medical facility recovering from injuries caused by their service in those countries.

“The Postal Service should not charge for mailings to our active duty troops fighting for our security overseas,” Shuster added. “This legislation supports our troops and their families and I am proud to sign my name to it.”

Currently, the United States Postal Service provides free mailing supplies to families with relatives serving in the War on Terror. More information on postal programs to support America’s active duty soldiers can be found on the United States Postal Service’s webpage at [www.usps.com/supportingourtroops/welcome.htm](http://www.usps.com/supportingourtroops/welcome.htm).

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