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JUNCTION CITY - Congressman Jerry Moran today joined Senator Pat Roberts in introducing legislation to remove barriers for Kansas military families to access affordable housing.

"There is no reason that our soldiers should be discriminated against, especially when it comes to basic needs like housing," Moran said. "At a time when thousands of soldiers and their families are moving into Kansas, there is no reason that quality, affordable housing should be off limits. We have a responsibility to our military men and women to provide all the resources we can to accommodate them during their service to our country."

Current rules require the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to account for housing allowances to military men and women when determining if a family qualifies for low-income housing. This is inconsistent with guidelines for other recipients of government assistance and often eliminates military families from qualifying for low income housing. The Military Access to Housing Act will remove the basic housing allowance from the formula for determining eligibility for low income housing.

"The Junction City area and Junction City-Geary County Military Affairs Council support this bill," Mayor of Junction City Terry Heldstab said. "Anything we can do to make it more equitable and give our soldiers more options for clean and affordable housing is needed and is a good thing for military families living in and relocating to this area."

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