

## Ellison announces special payments for service members who served under Stop Loss Orders

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Ellison announces special payments for service members who served under Stop Loss Orders Washington, D.C. – Congressman Keith Ellison (D-Minneapolis) announced that special payments are now available to over 185,000 service members who have had their enlistments involuntarily extended since September 11, 2001, providing \$500 for every month they were held under stop-loss orders. Congress established this payment in the 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act enacted this summer.

“Our veterans served America with honor and they deserve the best our government can possibly offer” Ellison stated. “This \$500 per month payment will help these service members who have literally served above and beyond the call of duty. This special payment is in recognition of the hardship placed on these troops and their families by being forced to remain on active duty longer than planned.”

The Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay is available to service members who had their enlistment extended or retirement suspended due to Stop Loss between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2009. Service members from every branch of the military will receive compensation.

Service members may begin submitting their claim for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay immediately. All applications must be submitted to the respective services no later than Oct. 21, 2010. Service members must provide documented proof they were Stop Lossed with their claim. Family members of deceased service members should contact the appropriate military service for assistance in filing their claim.

Army: <https://www.stoplosspay.army.mil>

Navy: send email to – [NXAG\\_N132C@navy.mil](mailto:NXAG_N132C@navy.mil)

Marine Corps: <https://www.manpower.usmc.mil/stoploss>

Air Force: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/stoploss>

This payment builds on a significant record of accomplishment for veterans and troops over the last two and a half years under the New Direction Congress – including the New GI Bill, progress in improving veterans’ hospitals and facilities, expanding economic opportunities for returning soldiers and improving care for those with PTSD.

“This Congress made a promise to leave no veteran behind, and we are continuously working to fulfill that promise,” Ellison stated. “These veterans have already served with distinction. Now, it’s our turn to honor them for going the extra mile.”