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Schauer Supports Measure to Help Military Personnel with Cell Phone Contracts, Pushes Similar Protections for Outsourced Workers

Bipartisan legislation recognizes financial challenges of soldiers shipped overseas, Schauer works to help those whose jobs have been shipped overseas as well

LANSING- Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) joined his Senate colleagues today in overwhelmingly approving legislation, SB 1201 (Garcia), to allow military personnel who are sent into battle to end their cell phone contracts. Schauer also proposed similar protections for the thousands of Michigan workers who have had their jobs sent overseas by the practice of outsourcing.

“I commend Senator Garcia and the members on both sides of the aisle for working together to help our brave men and women in the military keep up with financial pressures,” said Schauer. “These are common sense measures that I am happy to support. I also plan to continue efforts to make sure Michigan’s struggling workers can benefit from similar assistance.”

Schauer noted that through no fault of their own, many workers have had the rug pulled out from under them as they’ve watched their jobs get shipped out to other countries. Now these workers can no longer afford their cell phone contracts either, or in some cases their homes, or even a tank of gas. Schauer sponsored an amendment on the floor today, but announced that he will also work on an additional package of bills to address this issue and other financial concerns of displaced Michigan workers.

“Workers who’ve dedicated their lives to building up our economy, creating Michigan’s middle-class, and who pour their blood, sweat, and tears into making world-class products are suffering,” said Schauer. “We must support them and make sure they are not forgotten as we debate critical issues each day.”

Senator Schauer’s floor statement from today can be viewed at <http://www.senate.mi.gov/dem/play.php?id=368>.

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