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# H. R. 4356

To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to allow certain individuals to terminate contracts for telephone, multichannel video programming, or internet access service, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. WENSTRUP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Families  
5       of Fallen Servicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS FOR TELEPHONE,**  
2 **MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING, OR**  
3 **INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE BY CERTAIN IN-**  
4 **DIVIDUALS UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL**  
5 **RELIEF ACT.**

6 Section 305A(a) of the Servicemembers Civil Relief  
7 Act (50 U.S.C. 3956(a)) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following new paragraph:

9 “(4) **ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS COVERED.**—For  
10 purposes of this section, the following individuals  
11 shall be treated as a servicemember covered by para-  
12 graph (1):

13 “(A) A spouse or dependent of a service-  
14 member who dies while in military service or a  
15 spouse or dependent of a member of the reserve  
16 components who dies while performing duty de-  
17 scribed in subparagraph (C).

18 “(B) A spouse or dependent of a service-  
19 member who incurs a catastrophic injury or ill-  
20 ness (as that term is defined in section 439(g)  
21 of title 37, United States Code), if the service-  
22 member incurs the catastrophic injury or illness  
23 while performing duty described in subpara-  
24 graph (C).

25 “(C) A member of the reserve components  
26 performing military service or performing full-

1           time National Guard duty, active Guard and  
2           Reserve duty, or inactive-duty training (as such  
3           terms are defined in section 101(d) of title 10,  
4           United States Code).”.

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