

Rooney Urges Eligible Personnel to Submit Claims by Oct. 21 Deadline

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Tom Rooney (FL-16) today urged eligible personnel to [submit claims for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay \(RSLSP\) before the impending October 21 deadline](#)

Service members, veterans and beneficiaries of service members whose service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss between September 11, 2001 and September 30, 2009 are eligible for RSLSP of \$500 per month.

“If you are eligible or think you might be eligible, please go to www.defense.gov/stoploss for more information or to submit a claim,” Rooney said. “Our troops and veterans have earned this money, so please help spread the word that this deadline is approaching. We need to make sure our men and women in uniform, who have put their lives on the line in defense of our country, get the benefits they deserve.”

The 2009 War Supplemental Appropriations Act authorized RSLSP of \$500 per month, and service members have until October 21, 2010 to submit claims. The Department of Defense estimates that 145,400 personnel are eligible, but only 58,000 claims have been submitted and paid. The average benefit is \$3,800.

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