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Drop off items for the troops at Senator Maziarz' office

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In honor of the many brave troops serving our nation overseas, Senator George Maziarz is partnering with Assemblywoman Jane Corwin, Congressman Chris Collins, the Blue Star Mothers, Boy Scouts of America and a number of local grocery stores to collect items for care packages to send to the men and women of our nation's Armed Forces stationed in remote areas around the globe. This inaugural Support Our Troops Drive is open to the public to make contributions through May and June.

Senator George Maziarz said, "We always keep our troops overseas in our thoughts and prayers, and this special drive is something simple we can do to put our support for them into practice. Donating an item or two might brighten a soldier's day and remind them that the folks back home are thinking of them."

Without convenience of corner stores and the difficulties that families face mailing packages to certain areas of the Middle East, desired items like protein bars, beef jerky, packaged tuna,

travel sized packs of nuts, packaged oatmeal, and /mini/travel/ sized toiletries are cherished commodities by many troops. These items are desired for convenience of shipping in addition to practicality for active duty servicemen in remote areas, who have limited capacity to carry larger sized items.

Members of the public wishing to contribute to the drive can drop off specific items any of the participating elected officials' offices or a variety of area stores, including Dash's Market in Clarence, Tops Supermarket in Lockport, Pixley SureShine in Akron, and Budwey's Market in Newfane. The drive began on May 19th and continues through June 29th. All of the items collected will be sent overseas in early July with the help of the Blue Star Mothers.

Senator Maziarz' district office address is 175 Walnut St., Suite 6, in Lockport.