



July 26, 2021

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510-0001

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0001

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chair, Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510-0001

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515-0001

Dear Chairs, Vice Chair and Ranking Member

On behalf of the Adjutants General of the several states and territories and the Commanding General of the National Guard of the District of Columbia, we convey our collective concern regarding the lack of reimbursement for the National Guard's response following events on January 6th, 2021. It is merely days before Congress recesses for the month of August, and yet seemingly there is no movement on any of the proposed legislation to reimburse the National Guard for the costs incurred to ensure a peaceful and safe transition of our government. The budget deficit created by sending more than 26,000 Soldiers and Airmen from the National Guards of the states and territories to our nation's capital has had a critical impact to the entire National Guard.

If Congress fails to act prior to the recess there will be a profoundly negative impact on the readiness and morale of our Service Members and their families as we are forced to cancel the overwhelming majority of training in August and September. This lost training and the associated paychecks will have a chilling effect on volunteerism and our ability to recruit. We ask you to urgently pass legislation restoring \$521 million to the National Guard before Congress recesses and send an overwhelming message of confidence and gratitude for our collective response ensuring your safety and a peaceful transition of our government.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Maj Gen Daryl L. Bohac, consisting of stylized, overlapping letters.

Maj Gen Daryl L. Bohac
President

A black ink signature of MG John Harris, featuring a large, bold initial 'JH' followed by the name.

MG John Harris
Vice President, Army

A black ink signature of Maj Gen Michael Stencel, written in a cursive style.

Maj Gen Michael Stencel
Vice President, Air

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