

FROM THE DESK OF
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Delegate Grammer
Maryland General Assembly
Annapolis, MD

Dear Delegate Grammer,

The "Defend the Guard" act advocates for restricting the deployment of National Guard members to active service unless there is a formal declaration of war. This measure safeguards individuals at home by ensuring that the National Guard, a critical resource for responding to domestic emergencies, is not excessively deployed in overseas conflicts without a clear national mandate.

By requiring a formal declaration of war, the act aims to maintain a balance between national security needs and the protection of citizens, emphasizing the importance of a transparent and accountable process for deploying the National Guard.

America has 1.3 MILLION active duty military members. We have Reserves to augment this fighting force. The Guard is there for surges. We have been in a surge state since Iraq I.

The federal government needs to address foreign policy to ensure we can protect the nation without making National Guard troops part of steady state operations. 1 weekend a month two weeks a year has lost its relevance since Iraq.

The Guard is a surge capacity.
The Guard is to protect HOME in case of emergency.
The Guard is not there to provide a 25-55% bump in your active forces for steady state operations.

Sincerely yours,

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