



September 4, 2025

The Honorable Roger Wicker
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U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Jack Reed
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The Honorable Mike Rogers
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The Honorable Adam Smith
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Dear Chairman Wicker, Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Reed, and Ranking Member Smith:

On behalf of the Adjutants General Association of the United States, we write to express our strong and unified support for the Guarding Readiness Resources Act and urge its inclusion in the FY26 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

National Guard optempo continues to increase year after year. Whether it be in response to wildfires, civil unrest here at home, or to deter our adversaries overseas, the Guard is always there to answer the call. To uphold this level of constant readiness, we need to ensure our equipment is properly maintained.

Following a State Active Duty (SAD) mission, federal law requires states to pay a fee associated with the use of Guard equipment, which is federally owned. This is intended to cover maintenance costs, such as replacement of parts and general wear and tear. Due to the Miscellaneous Receipts Act, these payments are diverted to the U.S. Treasury rather than sent directly to the National Guard Bureau. This unnecessary bureaucracy forces units to pull maintenance dollars from other accounts, which leads to significant funding shortfalls, and often leaves critical equipment unrepaired, unreplaced, or unmaintained. This jeopardizes National Guard readiness.

The Guarding Readiness Resources Act will ensure units receive these vital payments. We have heard there are concerns regarding the fiscal score of this bill. Bottom line is the Treasury is not the intended recipient. With the current system, taxpayers essentially pay this maintenance fee twice; first when it is getting stuck at the Treasury, and again when units divert from other funds to cover the necessary repairs. We see this as an efficiency and cost savings issue.

Again, we respectfully ask for your help to streamline this process and request that the Guarding Readiness Resources Act be included in the FY26 NDAA. Any delays will continue to impact readiness. We thank you for all you do to support the National Guard.

Sincerely,



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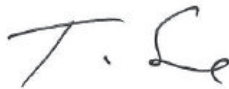
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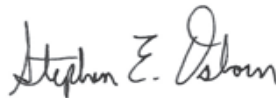
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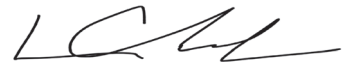
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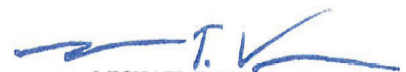
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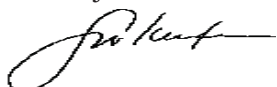
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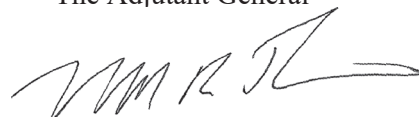
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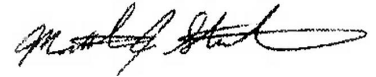
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