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The Honorable Roger Wicker
Chairman
U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
U.S. House Armed Services Committee
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
U.S. House Armed Services Committee
2216 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Wicker, Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Reed, and Ranking Member Smith:

On behalf of the 45,000 members of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and the 433,000 soldiers and airmen of the National Guard, we write to outline specific provisions that will significantly impact the National Guard. As you negotiate the final FY26 NDAA, we appreciate your consideration of the following items that will improve National Guard manning, training, equipping and overall warfighting readiness. We respectfully request you retain the following provisions:

1. Title I-Procurement (Title XLI-Procurement)

Items Designated for the Army National Guard

Program	Line Number	Authorized Funding
6 UH-60M Black Hawk	13	\$732.06M (House / Senate)
10 Paladin Integrated Management (PIM)	12	\$250.23M (House / Senate)

Items Designated for the Air National Guard

Program	Line Number	Authorized Funding
F-16 Mods	45	\$448.11M (House / Senate)
F-22A Mods	46	\$977.52M (House / Senate)
F-35s	3	\$4.08B (House) \$5B (Senate)
C-130 Mods	68	\$144.04M (House / Senate)

Subtitle D, House Section 142: Extends Prohibition on Reducing C-130 Aircraft.

Extend the prohibition of the Secretary of the Air Force from reducing the number of C-130 assigned to the Air National Guard until September 30, 2026.

Subtitle D, House Section 150: Plan for Recapitalization and Modernization of the Air National Guard's Fighter Fleet.

Direct the Air Force to detail its plans for recapitalization and modernization of the Air National Guard's fighter fleet.

2. Title III-Operations and Maintenance (O&M) (Title XLIII)

House authorization:

Army National Guard	\$8.6B
Air National Guard	\$7.25B

Subtitle D, House Section 355: Establishment of Center for the Study of the National Guard.

Establish a Center for the Study of the National Guard.

3. Title IV-Military Personnel and Authorizations

Subtitle B, House and Senate Section 411: End Strength for Selected Reserve.

Army National Guard	328,000
Air National Guard	106,300.

Subtitle B, Senate Section 412: End Strength for Active Guard Reserve (AGR).

Army National Guard AGR end strength	30,845
Air National Guard AGR end strength	25,982.

Subtitle B, Senate Section 413: End Strength for Dual Status Technicians (DST).

Army National Guard DST end strength	22,294
Air National Guard DST end strength	10,744.

4. Title V- Military Personnel Policy

Subtitle A, Senate Section 515: State Active Duty (SAD) Reimbursement

Direct State Active-Duty reimbursements directly to the National Guard Bureau, instead of being misdirected and held at the U.S. Treasury. This is an administrative fix to ensure the payment reaches the intended recipient, the Guard unit, to fund necessary repairs and maintenance.

Subtitle H, House Section 574: Extends In-Home Childcare Pilot Program.

Extend current in-home pilot program for members of the Armed Forces through December 31, 2029.

5. Title VII-Health Care Provisions

Subtitle A, House Section 701: TRICARE dental plan for the Selected Reserve

Provide zero-cost dental care for National Guard and Reserve servicemembers.

6. Title X- General Provisions

Subtitle D, House Section 1043: Authority of Secretary of Defense to enter into contracts to provide certain assistance to secure the Southern Border.

Corrects a provision under the title 10 statute allowing contractors to provide assistance for the Southern Border mission, focusing Guardsmen on soldier-related missions.

7. Title XVI- Cyberspace-Related Matters

Subtitle A, Senate Section 1605: Report on integrating National Guard and Reserve components into the Cyber Mission Force.

Require a report on National Guard and Reserve integration into cyber missions and operations.

8. Title XLVI-Military Construction (MILCON)

Senate level funding for National Guard MILCON.

Army National Guard	\$1.76B
Air National Guard	\$1.3B

9. Title XLV- Other Authorizations

Senate level funding for the National Guard Counterdrug Program and schools.

Program	Line	Funding Authorized
National Guard Counterdrug Program	030	\$295.1M
Counterdrug Schools	040	\$6.35M

10. Title LX- General Provisions

Subtitle F, Senate Section 6029: Servicemembers' Credit Monitoring Enhancement Act

Ensure members of the National Guard and Reserve are eligible to receive the same free electronic credit monitoring benefit as the active component.

Once again, we appreciate your consideration of our perspectives as we work together to ensure National Guard soldiers and airmen have the necessary tools and benefits to continue to carry out their role in the Total Force mission. Thank you for your continued support of the National Guard.

Sincerely,



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President, NGAUS