



June 20, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the 435,000 Soldiers and Airmen of the Army and Air National Guard, we thank you for your continued support of the dedicated and patriotic men and women who serve our Nation in uniform. We respectfully request your leadership in halting the implementation of policies initiated by the previous administration and reaffirming your commitment to establishing a Space National Guard as the reserve component of the U.S. Space Force.

During NGAUS annual conference in Detroit, Michigan, in August of last year, you publicly affirmed your support for the creation of a Space National Guard. However, despite strong objections from all of the Nation's Governors and recommendations of a 2021 Department of the Air Force (DAF) report from over 100 subject matter experts, the DAF submitted Legislative Proposal 480 for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act. This proposal, aligned with the Space Force's untested "single component" model, authorizes the transfer of Air National Guard (ANG) space units without the consent of state Governors—a direct violation of Title 32, Section 104, and Title 10, Section 18238 of the U.S. Code.

This proposal was ultimately enacted as Section 514 of Public Law 118-159 and signed into law by then-President Biden. Its implementation would undermine long-standing constitutional protections and erode the authority of Governors over their National Guard units.

Beyond the legal concerns, this action contradicts the foundational reserve component model that has long ensured surge capacity, cost efficiency, and operational readiness across all military services. National Guard space units have performed critical, real-world space missions for over 29 years across 7 states, and are currently trained and equipped, conducting 60% of the Space Force's offensive electronic warfare missions. Their alignment under a Space National Guard would preserve that operational effectiveness.

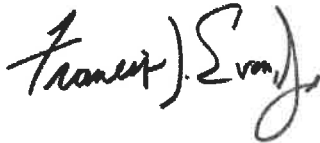
From a fiscal standpoint, establishing a Space National Guard is the most cost-effective solution. According to Pentagon figures, implementing Section 514 would cost U.S. taxpayers \$750 million in one-time transfer costs, with an additional \$102 million annually to operate the new structure. It would also degrade current space readiness and require 7–10 years to rebuild mission-capable units at a time when our adversaries are increasing their space capabilities. In contrast, creating a Space National Guard by realigning current ANG space units under the Space Force would cost approximately \$250,000, primarily for uniform and heraldry updates.

The creation of a Space National Guard is the essential next step in completing your vision for a fully capable and integrated United States Space Force. With the support of the 435,000 Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard, you have a clear opportunity to fulfill this commitment, protect operational readiness, uphold the constitutional authority of Governors, and do so in a fiscally responsible manner.

Enclosed is a draft Executive Order calling for an immediate hold on the transfer of ANG space units and the formal establishment of a Space National Guard. We stand ready to support this effort in every way.

Thank you again for your continued leadership and unwavering support for the National Guard and our Nation's defense.

Respectfully,

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Francis J. Evon, Jr.
Major General, U.S. Army
President, AGAUS

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Francis M. McGinn
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President, NGAUS

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