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Mr. President:

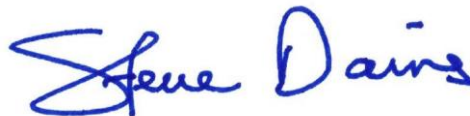
I write to you concerning the current COVID-19 pandemic and the National Guard's mission to support the national emergency declaration. I write to ask for your support in ensuring any mission activation for National Guard members lasts longer than 30 days or provide equivalent flexibility so they are eligible for TRICARE.

As you are aware, COVID-19 is an ongoing pandemic that has the ability to spread rapidly with a concerning mortality rate. Day by day, increasing numbers of our National Guard are asked to support the national effort to address this crisis. Many of our guardsmen and women have lost their jobs during this unprecedented situation. During this time, we should do all we can to support the men and women being asked to assist our nation's response to this pandemic and ensure that they are put on orders long enough to make them eligible for TRICARE.

TRICARE is the health care program for uniformed service members, retirees, and their families. The National Guard and Reserve are only eligible when activated for more than 30 days. During this time of uncertainty it is important that the men and women fighting this healthcare crisis have access to the healthcare they will need. With that in mind, I strongly urge you to support the men and women of the National Guard by providing additional flexibilities or ensuring activated individuals are put on orders for more than 30 days.

I hope you will support my request to make sure the men and women on the front lines have the healthcare they need. I look forward to working with you to protect our guardsmen and women during this emergency.

Sincerely,



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