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Dear Delegate:

As a Veteran and national Director of Vets for Trump, an arm of the Trump for President reelection committee, I'm writing today to encourage you to support House Bill 2732, the bipartisan "Defend the Guard" legislation sponsored by Del. Pat McGeehan, R-Hancock.

The "Defend the Guard" legislation simply provides that your state National Guard units in the future could not be deployed to foreign combat overseas unless Congress has first fulfilled its official duty and responsibility under the U.S. Constitution to declare war. For many of us, forcing Congress to do its job and fulfill its Constitutional obligation is argument enough to support this bill.

Because the National Guard is not a "rapid response" force, this legislation would in no way inhibit the President's ability to respond quickly to immediate threats to American citizens or interests abroad. And, if a situation arises so serious that your state's National Guard units are in fact needed for long-term combat duty overseas, all that's necessary to deploy them -- under this legislation -- is for politicians in Washington, D.C., to put their names on the line, for a formal declaration of war, before they ask your state's Guardsmen and women to put their boots on the ground.

**I want to respond as forcefully as possible to threats you may have received from "deep state" actors in the Pentagon bureaucracy that if you dare approve a bill requiring Congress to do its job, "deep state" operatives will move to cut off federal funding of your state's National Guard operations or transfer its equipment to some other state.**

**This is a deceptive "deep state" diversion that insults the intelligence of the people of West Virginia and its elected lawmakers.**

**Who could possibly be so ignorant of current affairs to believe, or expect you to believe, that Commander-in-Chief Donald Trump would allow "deep state" operatives at the Pentagon to punish a state for:**

**(1) exercising its legitimate rights under the Constitution to demand that Congress fulfill its Constitutional duty and responsibility *before* putting your state's sons and daughters in uniform in harm's way, and**

**(2) lending much-appreciated support to President Trump's pledge to the American people to "end these ridiculous endless wars and bring our troops home," most recently restated during his 2020 State of the Union Address?**

Unless the day comes that our Constitution falls, which all of us who've worn the uniform have sworn to protect and defend, even with our lives, the Pentagon answers to the President, not the other way around.

And may I point out that a Morning Consult/Politico poll last year found that 81 percent of Trump 2016 voters said they support the President's desire to withdraw our troops from endless wars in the Middle East and bring our troops home.

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A YouGov poll in January 2020 found that 70 percent of all Americans agree!

And a 2017 study by Boston College and the University of Minnesota found that President Trump carried the decisive swing states of Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin precisely and specifically because of his pledge during the 2016 campaign to end our endless wars and bring our troops home.

But I know you agree that political considerations should be secondary to the lives of your state's men and women in uniform, and to Constitutional principles.

I strongly urge you to fulfill your duty as a state legislator under the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution to serve as a check and balance against the federal government when Congress acts, regardless of how many decades it may have done so, in contradiction to the clearly-stated delineation of authorities and duties spelled out in that document.

As renowned early American statesman Daniel Webster -- Congressman, U.S. Senator, and Secretary of State to three presidents -- said of your responsibility:

*"It will be the solemn duty of the state governments to protect their own authority over their own militia, and to interpose between their citizens and arbitrary power (by the federal government)."*

Webster said that responsibility is *your* duty as a state legislator, not a matter on which you should carelessly pass the buck to Congress and then blame them for inaction.

Please fulfill that duty, and join Vets for Trump in supporting the President's efforts -- to bring our troops home and Make America Constitutional Again -- by voting in favor of sending HB 2732 to Gov. Justice for his signature.

Thank you for your support of the President and for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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