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Governor

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President,

I request your approval authorizing me to mobilize up to 1,250 members of the Oregon National Guard in a Title 32 USC 502(f) status to immediately assist the State of Oregon in operational activities necessary to fulfill any and all mission assignments in the response to and recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. I make this request during this historic time for our nation and, indeed, the entire world to use the Oregon National Guard's robust capacity and capability to quickly preserve life and health. Thus far, the number of Oregonians infected by COVID-19 is 414 and climbing.

COVID-19, which already has prompted national and state emergency declarations, warrants calling up the Oregon National Guard in a Title 32 USC status. This pandemic affects all states, and its effects certainly will be significant in duration. Title 32 USC status allows Oregon to focus its resources on protecting its most vulnerable citizens and assisting the workforce most affected by the resulting economic downturn.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its effects are clearly unprecedented. Due to the rapidity of this crisis, the Oregon National Guard is uniquely positioned to fulfill immediate requirements for our communities. Authorization to mobilize 1,250 members of the Oregon Army and Air National Guard pursuant to Title 32 will provide much needed logistical, medical, communications, and coordinating skills that are invaluable to Oregon's efforts in stopping and mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Governor Kate Brown

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