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Thank you for considering SB 667, better known as “Defend the Guard.”

This legislation will allow you to take back power from the Federal Government. There is nothing radical about this legislation; all it does is let us as a state decline to send our national guardsmen into combat in foreign countries if Congress doesn't declare war. This is well within current law, both constitutionally and in statute. The constitution grants the power to declare war to Congress, and Title 10 Sec. 12301 explicitly grants the Governor of the State the right to deny consent to put National Guard troops on Active Duty.

I want to make it clear that this legislation will not prevent our National Guard members from being sent on overseas training missions, helping out with disasters, enforcing Federal Law, or fulfilling their other federally mandated duties. It will only prevent them from being sent to combat in the absence of a Declaration of War from Congress.

So I encourage you to do your constitutional duty, take back your power, and stand up to the Federal Government by passing SB 667, the Defend the Guard Act.