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I am strongly in support of SB 667, Defend the Guard, which would prevent deployment of our National Guard to overseas combat without a declaration of war by the peoples' elected representatives in Congress.

This legislation would not prevent the President or the Governor from activating our Guard under U.S.C. Title 10 or Title 32 authority. If Congress were to engage with their authorized responsibility to formally declare war under Article 1 Section 8, our Guard could still legally be mobilized to perform combat operations beyond the U.S. border under the Executive's Title 10 authority. Continued federal funding to maintain our readiness for this would still be a necessity.

As Oregon legislators consider plans for earthquake and fire readiness, I urge them to also consider the immense value of our National Guard's home presence.

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

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