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I grew up in Pendleton and witnessed the aftermath of the loss of Mustang 22 on September 25, 2005.

Mustang 22 was a National Guard Chinook deployed to Afganistan. Among its crew was Warrant Officer Adrian Stump who also grew up in Pendleton.

I didn't know Stump; to my knowledge I had never even met him. But to see those around me become devastated even nearly twenty years after his death in that crash puts tears in my eyes.

This act will stop further tragedies of this type, reserving our Citizen Soldiers for serving our communities at home, instead of using them as cannon fodder and boosting unemployment numbers.