

Libertarian Party of Multnomah County
Resolution 25-01
In support of SB 667 “Defend the Guard”

Whereas, the United States Congress abdicated its responsibilities with the 2001 passage of the vague and general “[Authorization for Use of Military Force](#),” and,

Whereas, the authors of the Constitution of the United States recognized the importance of the States’ sovereign authority over the militia outside the chain of command of armies raised by the Federal Congress as an essential check and balance on military tyranny; and,

Whereas, the Oregon Guard has been sorely needed at home to help control civil unrest and natural disasters while defending the freedoms, privileges, and immunities of citizens of this State; and,

Whereas, in 2020, [six Oregon Guard Chinook helicopters were sent to a mission in Afghanistan](#) rather than staying to defend Oregon against tragic wildfires; and,

Whereas, in 2024, the Oregon National Guard’s 2nd Battalion, 218th Field Artillery Regiment [was mobilized as part of Task Force “Defender” for combat actions in the Middle East](#) not authorized by the Federal Congress as a war or Authorization for Use of Military force; and,

Whereas, the Libertarian National Committee [has endorsed the Defend the Guard movement](#); and,

Whereas, the Public Policy Board of the Libertarian Party of Oregon [has adopted Resolution 22-03](#) in support of the Defend the Guard movement;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Libertarian Party of Multnomah County, PAC 22306, to endorse and support SB 667 in the 2025 Legislative Session, banning the militia of Oregon from being deployed by the Governor to armed conflict in the absence of a formal declaration of war by the Federal Congress as required by the Constitution of the United States;

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that the Libertarian Party of Multnomah County shall cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to Senator Wagner, Governor Kotek, Senators Bonham and Linthicum, and to Oregon media and to authorize the Chair of the Libertarian Party of Multnomah County and/or her delegate(s) to speak to this resolution in public hearings of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.