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Hello. I served for 20 years in the Oregon Army National Guard. I deployed twice, once to Afghanistan, and once on a deployment here in the USA. I also served briefly in support operations during the covid epidemic. I worked for 13 years for the state of Oregon during this time. I have to say that my time in the National Guard was challenging, but my State of Oregon employers were mostly supportive. It is hard to be a citizen soldier. Its sometimes a hardship to ask for time off from my civilian job in order to attend national guard training. But I was willing to do it. I support the bill that that gives preference to promotion for members of the national guard or reserves. It is long overdue. The members of the national guard exhibit devotion, hard work, commitment and loyalty. I think the state of Oregon would benefit greatly from having employees who have these qualities.

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