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May 5, 2025

The Honorable Ben Bowman
Chair, Rules Committee
Oregon State House of Representatives
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: Support for HB3968

Dear Chair Bowman,

On behalf of the Department of Defense, I am writing in support of HB 3968, legislation that will formally recognize the United States Space Force within Oregon State statute as a component of the Armed Forces.

We commend the committee for introducing this vital legislation, which will ensure equitable treatment for Space Force Guardians and veterans residing in the State of Oregon.

As codified in Title 10 U.S. Code, Section 101, the term "armed forces" encompasses the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard. Maintaining consistency between state and federal definitions of "armed forces" is crucial to guarantee that all service members and their families receive equal representation under state laws pertaining to military service.

The Department of Defense is grateful for Oregon's existing policies that support our military personnel and their families. We respectfully urge your continued commitment by enacting this legislation in 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tammie L. Perreault", is positioned above the printed name.

Tammie L. Perreault
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