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The Honorable Jack Reed
Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member, Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Reed and Ranking Member Wicker,

I am writing to express my strong support for the swift approval of the nominations of key National Guard General Officer appointed positions currently before the committee. The timely confirmation of these leaders is essential to maintaining the readiness, stability, and effectiveness of our Armed Forces.

The United States military relies on a clear chain of command and experienced leadership to address the complex and evolving challenges we face both domestically and internationally. The nominated officers have demonstrated exceptional dedication, competence, and strategic acumen throughout their careers. Their leadership is crucial in guiding our service members and ensuring the successful execution of our national defense strategy.

Delays in the confirmation process can lead to gaps in leadership, disrupting operational continuity and potentially compromising our military's ability to respond swiftly and effectively to emerging threats. In these uncertain times, it is imperative that we have fully staffed and capable leadership in place to oversee our defense operations abroad, domestic response here at home, and support the welfare of our Soldiers and Airmen.

I urge the committee to prioritize the approval of these nominations, recognizing the importance of strong and stable leadership within our military. The swift confirmation of these highly qualified individuals will bolster our national security and demonstrate our commitment to supporting the men and women who serve our country.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I am confident that the committee will act in the best interest of our nation and National Guard by expediting the approval process.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis M. McGinn". The signature is fluid and cursive.

MG Francis M. McGinn, (Ret)
President, NGAUS