
From: Haley, Nikki
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2016 10:58 PM
To: Patel, Swati
Subject: Re: DEADLINE EXTENDED: All-governor sign-on letter to Congress opposing the conversion of National Guard military technicians

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On Feb 27, 2016, at 4:22 PM, Patel, Swati <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

General Livingston would now like for you to sign this letter. 34 Govs have signed. Deadline was extended to Monday.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Livingston <blivingston@gregoryelectric.com>
Date: February 27, 2016 at 3:54:58 PM EST
To: "Patel, Swati" <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: DEADLINE EXTENDED: All-governor sign-on letter to Congress opposing the conversion of National Guard military technicians

I would like her to sign. I am still going to work for a common ground approach but the pressure by the Governor's will help the resolution.

Thank you,

Bob Livingston

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On Feb 27, 2016, at 10:14 AM, Patel, Swati <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov<<mailto:SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov>>> wrote:

Let us know if you'd like the Governor to sign now that 34 have signed and the deadline has been extended.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Amberman, Christie" <CAmberman@NGA.ORG<<mailto:CAmberman@nga.org>>>
Date: February 26, 2016 at 2:12:52 PM EST

To: "Amberman, Christie" <CAmberman@NGA.ORG<<mailto:CAmberman@nga.org>>>
Cc: "Quam, David" <DQuam@NGA.ORG<<mailto:DQuam@nga.org>>>, "Stevens, Justin" <JStevens@NGA.ORG<<mailto:JStevens@nga.org>>>, "Guilford, Nikki" <NGuilford@NGA.ORG<<mailto:NGuilford@nga.org>>>
Subject: DEADLINE EXTENDED: All-governor sign-on letter to Congress opposing the conversion of National Guard military technicians

TO:

Governors' Chiefs of Staff
Washington Representatives and State Federal Contacts

FROM:

NGA Office of Federal Relations

RE:

DEADLINE EXTENDED: All-governor sign-on letter to Congress opposing the conversion of National Guard military technicians

At the NGA Winter Meeting last weekend, governors discussed the National Guard military technician conversion issue and approved the attached draft letter for circulation to states for review and signature by all governors.

As of this morning, a bipartisan group of 34 governors have agreed to sign the letter.

To accommodate governors who have been travelling this week, the deadline for signature approval has been extended to COB MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29.

Please provide your governor's consent and signature approval to Christie Amberman<<mailto:camberman@nga.org>> (camberman@nga.org<<mailto:camberman@nga.org>>).

The letter to House and Senate leaders calls on Congress to repeal Section 1053 of the fiscal year (FY) 2016 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which requires certain state-managed National Guard military technicians be converted to federally-managed, non-uniformed federal civilian employees. The letter expresses governors' concerns over the impact of the provision to National Guard readiness and manpower resources available to states during the immediate response to emergencies. The letter supports working collaboratively with Congress to address any legitimate concerns related to the military technician program, but in the absence of an agreement, urges repeal the provision in the FY 2017 NDAA.

On Tuesday, the Council of Governors Co-chairs sent a follow up letter to Senate Armed Services Committee leadership in follow up to their response to a prior letter the Co-Chair's sent on January 7. Those letters and a summary of the military technician issue are also attached for background.

For questions or concerns, please contact Justin Stevens

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