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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
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The Honorable Kit Bond
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The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS) is pleased to express our strongest possible support, on behalf of the Enlisted men and women of the Army and Air National Guard, in your efforts to amend Title 10 of the United States Code to enhance the responsibilities of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the functions of the National Guard Bureau.

Although some historic changes were made in Public Law 110-181, signed by the President on January 28, 2008, many of the original provisions of the National Guard Empowerment Act of 2007 were "left on the cutting table" and not enacted into law. These valuable and necessary provisions must be addressed and are addressed in your legislation.

Our association stands firm in support of your action to remedy this error of omission. The lack of respect of the leadership of the National Guard by service secretaries and leaders, the consistent under-funding of National Guard appropriations accounts, and the intentional lack of communication and coordination all have the possibility of being rectified by this legislation by making the Chief a full partner in the decision-making and appropriations process.

Thank you for taking legislative action that is not only timely, but unfortunately necessary, and long overdue. We look forward to working with your staff as this legislation works its way into law.

Working for America's Best!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael P. Cline".

MSG Michael P. Cline, USA (Ret)
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