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Your honors, thank you so much for your time this afternoon.

I just want to say very briefly what a great opportunity these gentlemen are presenting us with today.

Big changes going on in the country today.

MAGA - America First - It's not just a Trump movement, it's a reorientation of the American right toward patriotism and against globalism and interventionism.

Trump needs a movement out in the country backing him up. The good news is that Dan McKnight and his men are already here doing. They've been pursuing this for a few years, but now is their time and yours.

No doubt if a president really needed the Guard then he would get Congress to declare war. Why not? That is the same sacred oath these men took.

Our current system makes it too easy for presidents to skirt the restrictive intentions of the constitution's framers.

This is the perfect conservative constitutional remedy to Washington D.C.'s overseas adventurism.

This bill is being pushed around the country by proud veterans of this last generation of war. BringOurTroopsHome.us and DefendTheGuard.us.

This is our year.

George Washington, Ben Franklin, John Adams and James Madison meant what they wrote in the US Constitution. It creates the Congress and its powers and defines their limits. We oftern forget, but that is a great responsibility and in no way are these men asking too much when they ask officials to live up to their oath to it.

You will likely hear arguments about the Supremecy Clause and and peacetime deployments, but neither argument is relevant. The former is just begging the question about what the Constitution says about the limits of these powers and the bill is in specific reference to active combat.

The new Secretary of Defense says he supports this bill. These generals may be out of line and need to check with the office of the secretary of defense for their new orders on this subject.

It's the right thing for them, for the country and the best way to support the president's efforts to finally put America First again.