

SB38 Proponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB38, the "Defend the Guard Act." This bill ensures that Kansas National Guard members cannot be sent into combat without the approval of Congress, following the intent of the U.S. Constitution.

The Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war, not the President or individual states. By passing SB38, we make sure that the decision to send Kansas troops into active combat is made with full legislative oversight and not by the executive branch alone.

This bill respects the Governor's role as commander-in-chief of the Kansas National Guard, but it also ensures that our Guard is only deployed in line with the Constitution—when Congress has declared war or authorized action.

SB38 also allows for necessary domestic missions under Title 32, ensuring the Guard can assist in emergencies without compromising the bill's purpose.

I urge you to support this bill and help restore the constitutional balance of power, ensuring that military actions are always backed by the people's elected representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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