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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members

I appear before you today in support of HB 2155 concerning employment protections for members of the National Guard who are employed outside of their affiliated state at the time of state-sponsored activations.

This past summer I had the good fortune of meeting Mr. Martin Dempsey from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. Mr. Dempsey serves as the Midwest Regional Liaison for Military Community and Family Policy. It was through this meeting I became aware of the need for amending our current legislation.

Since I represent a district with strong ties to the United States Army and Kansas National Guard, I am honored to sponsor this bill.

This bill strengthens our current protections of civilian jobs for National Guard members, and I believe deserves our support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Representative Tom Phillips