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The Honorable Pete Hegseth  
Secretary of War  
U.S. Department of War  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Hegseth,

The State of Louisiana is officially submitting a request for federal assistance (RFA) to activate up to 1,000 Louisiana National Guard personnel under Title 32, United States Code, Section 502(f) through the end of Fiscal Year 2026. This deployment, under the command of the Adjutant General, would support state and federal law enforcement agencies in addressing ongoing public safety concerns regarding high crime rates throughout the State.

Louisiana currently faces a convergence of elevated violent crime rates in Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans coupled with critical personnel shortages within local law enforcement. These manpower shortages limit their ability to effectively address this public safety threat and consequently, incidents of homicide, carjacking, and gang-related violence, significantly exceed the national average. These challenges are further compounded by the state's vulnerability to natural disasters, particularly hurricanes, which further strains the limited public safety resources available to local and state government.

The proposed mission and scope for the Louisiana National Guard would be to deploy throughout the state to urban centers, supplement law enforcement presence in high-crime areas, provide logistical and communication support, and secure critical infrastructure. All operations will adhere to established rules for use of force and prioritize community outreach, to ensure transparency and public trust.

This request builds upon the successful model of Title 32 deployments in other jurisdictions, including Washington D.C. and Tennessee, and will provide critical support during several high-profile events, including the Bayou Classic, Sugar Bowl, and Mardi Gras. Louisiana National Guard deployments to New Orleans following Hurricane Ida (2021), Hurricane Francine (2024), the January 1st Terrorist Attack, Superbowl LIX, and Mardi Gras (2025) demonstrate the Guard's effectiveness, where support to law enforcement activities resulted in a 50% reduction in crime during early 2025.

Thank you for your continued support to the State of Louisiana, and for your commitment to keeping our country safe and secure.

For Louisiana,

  
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