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Senate President Fights for National Guard Funding
Joins Lieutenant Governors from across the country in opposing proposed cuts

Concord, NH - Senate President Chuck Morse, R-Salem, today joined nearly 40 members of the National Lieutenant Governor's Association in calling on President Obama to oppose potential cuts to the Army National Guard.

"The citizen-soldiers of New Hampshire's National Guard are a critical component of our nation's armed forces and they play a vital role supporting our state during natural disasters and other emergencies," said Morse. "I am proud to join my colleagues from across the country in calling on the Administration to ensure appropriate funding is available to train, equip, and house our dedicated Guardsmen and women."

As the letter to the President notes, "proposed versions of the fiscal 2015 Army National Guard budgets would cut Army National Guard forces to a pre-2001 level. A return to these levels is contrary to the interest of the states and nation..."

Morse cited a recent Guard study that listed three of the state's major readiness facilities as failing and a dozen others in poor condition as clear example of the need for adequate funding. "The condition of these facilities is a poor reflection of the immeasurable value we place on the services provided by the men and women of our National Guard. We have an obligation to ensure these facilities are safe, modern, and properly equipped. It is imperative that Congress and the President provide the proper funding to allow us to do so," Morse concluded.

The full text of the Lieutenant Governors' letter to President Obama is attached as a PDF.

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