



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

November 17, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The State of New Hampshire has been able to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, added in no small part by your previous approval of New Hampshire's request to maintain up to 400 New Hampshire National Guard personnel in a Title 32 status through December 31, 2020. However, the mission requirements for the Guardsmen we have activated will not only continue, but will significantly increase beyond the current expiration date due to a myriad of medical, public health and economic challenges. Therefore, I am writing to request your authorization to retain up to 900 Guardsmen in a Title 32 status through March 31, 2021.

The National Guard has played a critical role in our fight against COVID by conducting testing, performing COVID mapping, supporting warehouse and PPE distribution, and in the establishment of multiple alternate care sites/surge hospitals across the state. These actions have helped create the conditions to allow schools to reopen, and for economic activity to occur. These missions must continue especially as we enter New Hampshire's harsh winter season.

I also request authorization to certify all activities supporting our vaccine distribution operation and immunization plan as valid FEMA Mission Assignment activities for the National Guard. The New Hampshire National Guard's support will be critical to our ability to vaccinate the citizens of our state.

Finally, I request that you consider reinstating 100% federal cost share for this request. Approving the 100% cost share will make a game-changing impact in our ability to provide for the security and safety of New Hampshire's citizens. I pledge to continue to reassess the situation, and to inform you when the critical support provided by the New Hampshire National Guard is no longer needed. I greatly appreciate your assistance to date, and thank you for your service to our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chit T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor