

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing you today to request that the federal government continue to cover one hundred percent of the cost share for the West Virginia National Guard's (WVNG) response to the COVID-19 pandemic under Title 32 orders.

Since being activated under Title 32 orders, the WVNG has played a pivotal role in the state's response to the pandemic. In addition to distributing personal protective equipment, operating COVID-19 testing sites, helping WorkForce WV file unemployment claims, assisting food banks with distributing food to those hardest impacted by this national health emergency, the WVNG is also one of 15 National Guards working with its State Health Department to map the outbreak in the state.

While I appreciate your decision to extend Title 32 orders at seventy-five percent until at least December 31, I am imploring you to continue to cover the WVNG one hundred percent as the hard working men and women of the Guard continue to assist West Virginians as they face these unprecedented times.

Thank you for your leadership on this and I hope that you will consider this crucial request that will allow the WVNG to carry-on its response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator