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Governor of West Virginia

August 4, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
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Washington, D.C. 20500

THROUGH:

Regional Administrator MaryAnn Tierney
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Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request an extension of West Virginia's National Guard COVID-19 response and support, under 32 U.S.C. 502(f) utilizing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reimburse the Department of Defense (DOD) with federal disaster funds for National Guard forces as employed in the federally-funded 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) status during this complex domestic emergency. This will provide me with the necessary personnel to effectively respond through December 15, 2021 as part of my phased plan for management of COVID-19 vaccines.

Through the established mission assignments, the West Virginia's National Guard has and will continue to provide support in the following areas:

1. Management, control and reduction of immediate threats to public health and safety
2. Emergency medical care
3. Transportation, movement, and distribution of supplies
4. Personnel to support communications of general health and safety information to the public
5. COVID-19 Vaccinations

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My proposed plan will provide a 10-day isolation for up to 100 personnel beginning December 5, 2021.

With the many challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented, West Virginians have risen to meet the challenge by helping their friends, families, and neighbors in taking proactive steps to mitigate the spread. In addition, my administration has taken necessary actions to protect against the spread of COVID-19 within our most vulnerable populations and remains a high priority. This continues to be accomplished with support by the West Virginia National Guard in the area of, voluntary COVID-19 vaccinations. The following West Virginia's National Guard personnel under 32 U.S.C. § 502(f) status are authorized to administer the COVID-19 Vaccine Medical Doctor, Doctor Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacist, Pharmacists Technician, Nurses (all levels), Physician Assistant, Veterinarian, Interns under direction and supervision.

The West Virginia National Guard continues to be a crucial part of the State's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your positive action on this request will ensure the much needed support to our great State of West Virginia. I will be using our National Guard forces for a broad spectrum of missions as listed in the Emergency Support Functions under the National Response Framework. In particular, they will be conducting missions that fall within the following Emergency Support Functions:

- ESF #3 - Public Works and Engineering
- ESF #5 - Emergency Management
- ESF #6 - Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing, and Human Services
- ESF #7 - Logistics Management and Resource Support
- ESF #8 - Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF #11 - Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF #13 - Public Safety and Security
- ESF #14 - Long-Term Community Recovery

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jim Justice
Governor