

To the members of the Speaker of the House, Chairman Samuel Azzinaro, House Veterans Affairs, and the House Committee on State Government and Elections.

My Name is William O'Mara, and I am a member of the RI National Guard Retirees Association, serving 42 years in the RING. I am writing you today in opposition to the passage of H5378 by Representative Place. This bill that would only allow activation of the National Guard to serve when Congress passes an official declaration of war would be financially detrimental to the RI National Guard. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter; please do not move this bill forward.

Sincerely,



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