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Brigadier General April Vogel Director, Office of Legislative Liaison National Guard Bureau 1636 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1636

Dear Brigadier General Vogel:

I write to you today to raise concerns about the ongoing delay in federal bonus payments to Minnesota National Guard service members in my district and throughout the state of Minnesota.

I have heard from service members and state officials that this delay in payment potentially impacts hundreds of service members within the Minnesota National Guard. These service members have answered the call to serve our communities, state and nation. It is critical that we honor our commitment to these Soldiers and Airmen by ensuring that they receive the compensation that they were promised.

I understand that the Minnesota National Guard has been experiencing delays in processing these payments since October 2020 due to software issues.

I respectfully request that the National Guard Bureau address this issue and provide a timeline for an expected resolution. Please direct your response, or any requests for additional information to my appropriate staff: Meryl Harold and Corey Weston. You may reach them at <u>Meryl.Harold@mail.house.gov</u> and <u>Corey.Weston@mail.house.gov</u>.

Thank you for your assistance. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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