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Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 4091.

I always believed the Republican Party to be the party of advocates for state sovereignty, yet what I have seen in recent months is not that, but terrible overreach by that party's administration as regards the movement of unauthorized armed National Guard from one state into another when there is no call, no need for those troops. It makes one wonder what the real intention of these movements is, and as we have seen, outside forces can create more chaos and unsafe conditions than helping in any way. Federal use of these troops must be authorized by the state, never brought in against the wishes of state leadership. Courts have recently agreed with this assessment.

In addition, I do not support the idea of removing our own National Guard, community members who leave their jobs and family to police other states needlessly and when there may occur a need for those men and women to respond to conditions or disasters in our own state.

Please vote to support this reasonable limitation on the presence of outside forces on the people of our state.