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Chairs and Members of the State Government Finance Conference Committee

Dear Chairs Kiffmeyer and Nelson and members of the Conference Committee:

On behalf of Major General Manke, thank you for your support of the Department of Military Affairs! We are deeply grateful for the support shown to the agency by both chambers during this legislative session by funding the Governor's recommended budget amount and including our policy request for the Qualifications of the Adjutant General in both versions of the bill.

We respectfully request that the Conferees favorably consider adopting the House language included in Articles 8-13 of HF 1952. This language makes changes to law that will clarify and improve our ability to maintain order and discipline in the National Guard, and is the same as language that was heard and favorably considered in the Senate Veteran and Military Affairs Committee, and was awaiting hearings in Civil Law and Judiciary. We believe these provisions are non-controversial, and are important clarifications and necessary updates to the Minnesota Code of Military Justice.

I will be available to answer any questions the Committee may have at all future meetings of the conference committee, or at any other time as the members may inquire.

Thank you again for your service to our State, and for your support of the Minnesota National Guard!

Sincerely,

Donald J. Kerr
Executive Director
Department of Military Affairs