



"I know there's a lot of anecdotes about different National Guardsmen or different active duty service members and asking them, 'hey do you want a declaration of war before you go off and do your duty?' And I was one of those kids after I graduated from the four years of hell I did at the Air Force Academy. I was gung-ho and wanted to get into the fight. And I probably would have said, 'No I don't want to wait for some politicians. I want to get over there.' But that's why we have prudent, wise civilian control over the military. And we all took an oath of office."

- DELEGATE PAT MCGEEHAN OF WEST VIRGINIA, RET. U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER

"There is a disconnect demonstrated by the way in which authority has slowly been usurped by the federal executive branch, which is the very issue this legislation seeks to remedy. This is the most significant legislation of our lifetime. And future generations will thank us for not bowing to the war machine."

- REP. BEN ADAMS OF IDAHO, FORMER MARINE, 2 COMBAT TOURS



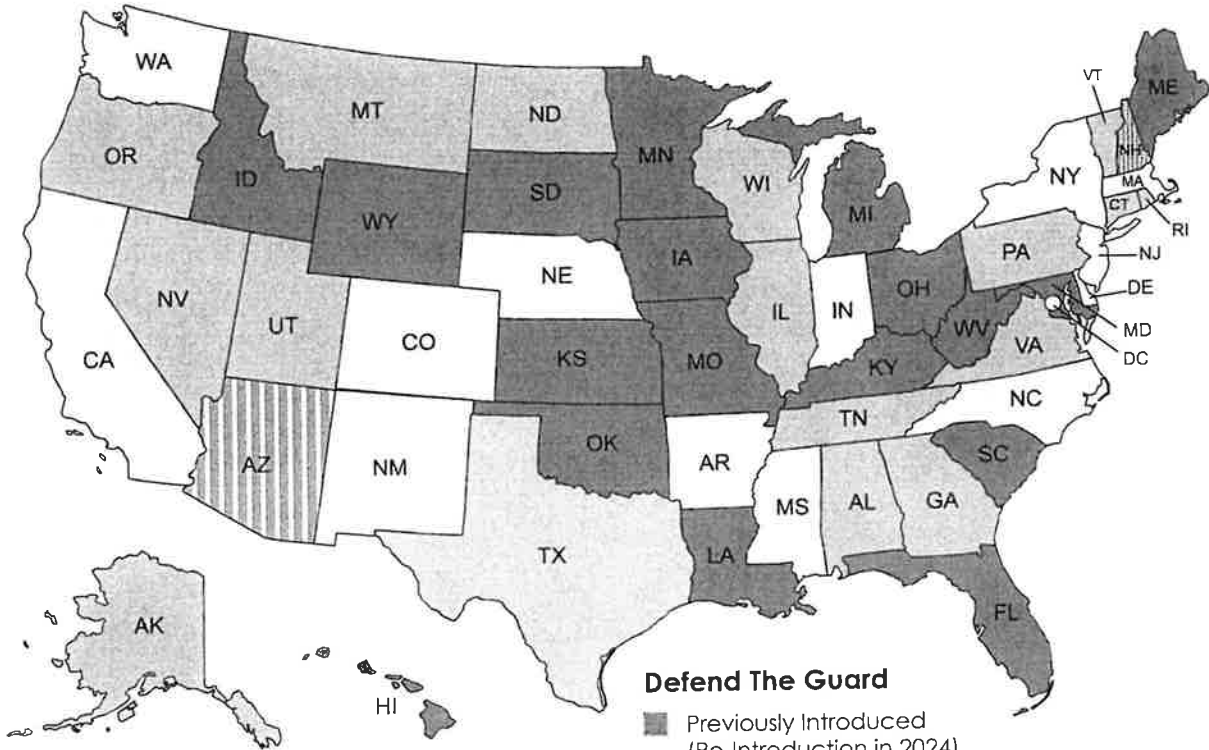
"If the president wants to use the Arizona National Guard to fight wars halfway across the world, then it can only be done after a majority of the people's representatives vote to send them there. If Congress refuses to vote, then its a war the Arizona National Guard should not be fighting,"

- SENATOR WENDY ROGERS OF ARIZONA, RET. U.S. AIR FORCE OFFICER

"If you care about being a 'Constitutional Conservative', if you're Pro-Life, if you care about economic issues, this bill is all that in one. This bill should be at the top of everybody's list."

- REP. AARON AYLWARD OF SOUTH DAKOTA





- Defend The Guard**
- Previously Introduced (Re-Introduction in 2024)
 - ▨ New Sponsor to Introduce in 2024 (First Introduction)
 - Citizens Group to Introduce Statewide Ballot Initiative
 - ▤ Passed in One Chamber Previously
 - Statewide Election Ballot Initiative 2024

DEFEND THE GUARD

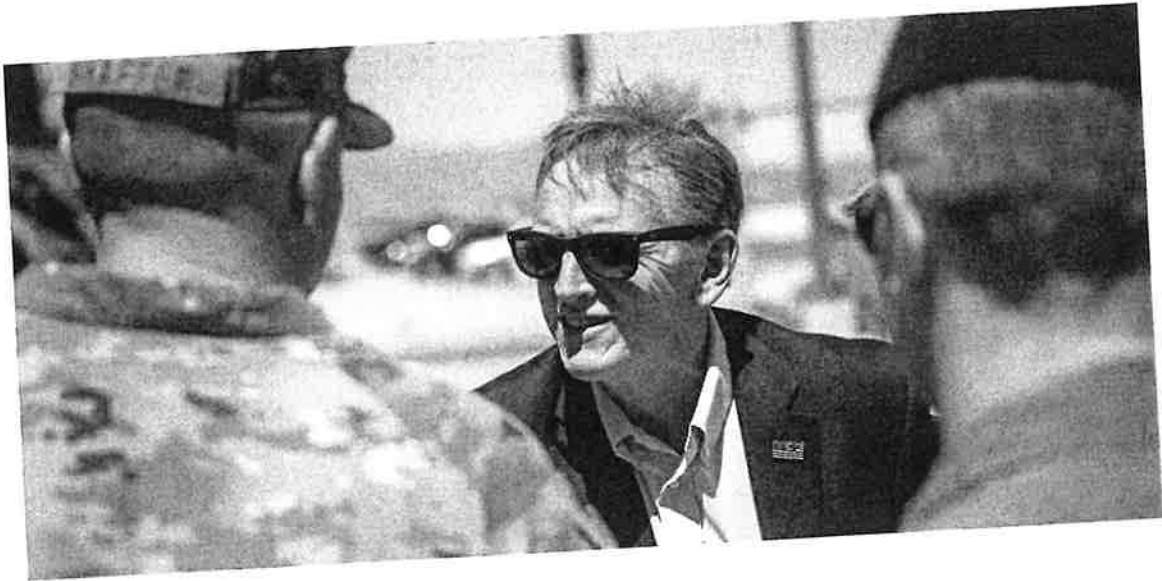
UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION

The American Legion has long supported Congress as the authority to declare war.



“Our nation’s founders made clear that declaration of war is the solemn and sole responsibility of the U.S. Congress. A strong national defense is an original pillar of The American Legion. ‘Forever war’ is not. The American Legion calls on Congress to once again follow the text of Article I, Section 8, Clause 11, of the U.S. Constitution.”

-American Legion National Commander Vincent “Jim” Troiola-



“The federal government needs a declaration of war from Congress before it sends American soldiers all over the globe to fight to protect other countries’ borders. The cause has to be valid, righteous, and approved by Congress.

I pledge that under no circumstances will I allow the Biden administration to defund our state’s National Guard. I know the House of Representatives would not approve such dereliction and nonsense. And the House controls the purse strings.”

- CONGRESSMAN PAUL GOSAR- AZ09

