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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for authorizing the use of Michigan National Guard forces under title 32, U.S.C., section 502(f) until June 24, 2020. With this assistance, our state has made great strides in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we have much more work to respond to and recover from this crisis. To sustain the economic reopening of the State of Michigan and to mitigate the risk associated with potential COVID-19 recurrence, we need to extend the current authorities through July.

Accordingly, I request that you authorize the use of Title 32 for ongoing activities through July 31, 2020. The Michigan National Guard remains a crucial part of the State's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Guard will be vital to our ongoing recovery as well. Beyond June 24, 2020, we will continue to require the Michigan National Guard to perform COVID-19 testing at various locations; distribute personal protective equipment, food, and medical supplies; provide warehousing support; disinfect public spaces; and assist the Department of Health and Human Services with data collection. As this crisis continues, I note that additional extensions may be required into the summer.

I appreciate your continued partnership to address the COVID-19 crisis. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

cc: Mark T. Esper, Secretary, Department of Defense; Peter T. Gaynor, Administrator, FEMA; James K. Joseph, Administrator, FEMA Region V