



Rep. Paul Gosar endorses Defend the Guard Act

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U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar
(R-District 4) of Arizona

On Feb. 3, U.S. Rep. Paul Gosar, R-District 4, of Arizona formally endorsed the Defend the Guard Act, a state-level bill which would prohibit the Arizona National Guard from being deployed into active combat without a declaration of war by Congress, as required by Article I Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

Gosar's full statement was added to the "Extension of Remarks" portion of the Congressional Record.

Senate Bill 1350, the Defend the Guard Act,

was introduced in Arizona on Jan. 25 by state Sen. Wendy Rogers, R-District 6. Rogers is a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, 1976 to 1996, and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Similar legislation has been introduced in 10 other states for the 2022 legislative session, and is on track to be introduced in over 40 states by the end of the year, according to Bring Our Troops Home.

Bring Our Troops Home is a national organization of Global War on Terror veterans founded in 2019, and functions as the key organizer of the "Defend the Guard" movement.

"Our organization is grateful to have the endorsement of Rep. Gosar, one of the few people in Washington who respects our military enough to demand accountability from Congress before sending them into harm's way," said Sgt. Dan McKnight, chairman of Bring Our Troops Home. "And we're proud to partner with Sen. Rogers, a patriot who took an oath to defend the U.S. Constitution while in uniform, and has kept that commitment as a legislator."

McKnight is a 13-year veteran of the U.S. military, including time served in the Marine Corps Reserves, U.S. Army, and Idaho National Guard. McKnight served a combat tour in Afghanistan, 2005 to 2007.

For more information on "Defend the Guard" legislation, visit DefendTheGuard.US.