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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: State Activation for the Texas Border Mission

1. Today, Governor Perry tasked us to increase our support to the Texas Department of Public Safety's Operation Strong Safety. The Texas National Guard will work in full support of this state-led border security surge operation to deter criminal activity along the Texas-Mexico border. Within the next 30 days we will send additional forces to the border who will act as force multipliers for state.

2. We are not strangers to this mission. Our forces will enhance security efforts by amplifying the visible presence on the ground and along the river; working alongside commissioned law enforcement officers to detect and prevent criminals from infiltrating through the international border, and helping to ensure the safety of our fellow Texans. We have performed similar roles in support of various state and federal operations along the border since 2006. To our Texas Guardsmen already engaged in border support missions, thank you for your selfless service and dedication to this important effort.

3. To those whom we will send, the state and nation once again need you. In times of crisis, our civilian leaders call upon us without hesitation. For many, I know this is not the first call; you've been called in the past to serve our state and nation. Now the Governor of Texas is calling you to help secure our homeland. Times of great need are why we wear the uniform and serve. Times like these are why the Texas Guard exists.

4. The citizens of Texas continue to honor us with their absolute trust and confidence. They do so because they understand what I see every day: you stand ready and willing to serve, whatever the call may be. And I couldn't be more proud of you.

5. This is a critical moment in our state and nation. I'm thankful that at moments like this, Texas can rely on you for its safety and security. Texas Strong!


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