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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the Maryland National Guard

SUBJECT: Continuation of the Federal Government Shutdown

1. As we enter our third week of the federal government shutdown, I want to provide an update on what we know and what we don't know. While most, but not all, of our military technicians have returned to work, we are far from returning to normal operations.
2. The Secretary of Defense is allowing us to perform certain activities, but the majority of our units cannot perform their drills. In addition to a shortage of funds to pay our Soldiers and Airmen, there is no money for operations and maintenance. Even if they are preparing for deployment, if they drill, would not be paid until there is an approved continuing resolution.
3. Travel is extremely restricted, and many military schools are being canceled. Our aircraft cannot fly except in very extraordinary situations. Although operations and activities that are essential to national security, protecting human life, or near-term deployments, are "excepted" from the shutdown, all other military training has been postponed or cancelled. This includes Annual Training, Active Duty for Operational Support, Inactive Duty for Training and any other unit training not specifically excepted. Even as we are dealing with the challenges of the shutdown, we are still deploying National Guardsmen overseas.
4. I fully understand the difficulty this causes for all our Soldiers and Airmen who depend on the stability of a National Guard paycheck and training schedule. We anticipate that after the shutdown is over, our units will have the opportunity to make up any drills that were postponed.
5. The shutdown does not impact our responsibility to respond to emergencies in our state. We must always be prepared to assist our fellow citizens in times of need. These are very difficult times for our Guardsmen and our nation. The guidance is ever-changing and we will strive to pass along timely information to all of you.
6. I appreciate the great work you all have done in the past and will continue to do once our elected officials come to a fiscal agreement. Continue to communicate with your fellow Soldiers and Airmen, let us hope that our nation can quickly resolve this issue.

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