

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 1, 2025

The Honorable Pete Hegseth  
Secretary of Defense  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Hegseth,

Approximately 4,100 soldiers from the California National Guard were assigned to US Northern Command (NORTHCOM) Task Force 51 operations in Los Angeles pursuant to the President's June 9, 2025, federalization order along with approximately 700 U.S. Marines. Of that total, 300 Guard personnel remain activated.

We remain strongly opposed to the deployment in its entirety. For the first time in decades, the Guard was federalized over the objection of the home-state governor. There was no operational need for Guard or Marine personnel as local and state law enforcement officers were sufficient for crowd control and protecting the public and federal facilities. The use of the U.S. military to assist in or otherwise support immigration operations remains inappropriate, potentially a violation of the law, and harmful to the relationship between the U.S. public and the U.S. military.

As such, and given the use of the National Guard elsewhere across the United States in support of federal law enforcement functions, we request responses to the following questions by September 12, 2025:

- How many California Guard personnel were federalized on or after June 9? Were any Guard personnel from other states used? How many Marines were deployed to Los Angeles? How were these personnel requirements determined? Please list all specific Guard and Marine units from which personnel were deployed.
- In addition to Guardsmen and Marines, were personnel from any other military service or reserve component deployed to Los Angeles since June 9? How many DoD civilians were assigned at any time to NORTHCOM's Task Force 51 during this period?
- What was the total cost across all relevant accounts to the Department of Defense to carry out these deployments and operations? Please delineate operations and maintenance costs, personnel costs, and any other accounts. Was funding reprogrammed or diverted from other programs to cover these costs?
- What was the utilization rate for military personnel during this deployment, and for what purposes? Please provide a breakdown of personnel directly supporting operations by DHS personnel, providing security on site, placed on stand-by status outside of the immediate protest or immigration enforcement areas, or in other capacities.

- Please provide the specific missions carried out by the Guard and Marine personnel (e.g., security of federal buildings, security of other federal personnel, crowd control, engaging in immigration enforcement, supporting immigration enforcement operations). Please provide the number of times and relevant details for any cases in which DoD personnel made arrests, detained any individuals, otherwise exercised law enforcement authorities, or exercised use of lethal force during the operation.

Thank you for your prompt responses to these questions. If your staff have any questions or need clarification on this request, please have them contact David Grannis (Sen. Schiff) or Jose Villalvazo (Sen. Padilla).

Sincerely,



Adam B. Schiff  
United States Senator



Alex Padilla  
United States Senator

cc: General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander, U.S. NORTHCOM  
General Steven S. Nordhaus, Chief, National Guard Bureau