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Opponent

House Veterans and Military

Nick Reinecker

Chair. Rep. Ronald Ellis

Mr. Chairman and committee members,

I sent an email to the chair of this committee requesting a bill introduction that would reactivate the Kansas State Guard and I apologize for not following up. This bill, however, would go in the opposite direction.

Federal overreach and centralization in areas beyond immigration and foreign threats are dangerous and unconstitutional. Whether it is a mandatory injection, the definition of "threat to the state" or the blatant disregard of few and defined powers, this proposed legislation that enacts liberty eroding concepts is unwarranted.

We currently have the Kansas National Guard, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas Emergency Management Agency and local Sheriffs who are closest to the people which is where the focus needs to be, from the bottom up, not the top down. The addition of the office of homeland security in the sovereign state of Kansas that engages in the detention of individuals posing threats and the prevention, preemption and deterrence of and protection from threats targeted at the state's territory, population, infrastructure, assets and property will at some point in time negatively affect that sovereignty and put the people of Kansas in danger from nefarious actors that could use this vague and arbitrary language to define threats outside constitutional boundaries.

Growing centralized government is antithesis to our founding as a country and is directly against the principles of the majority party in Kansas. It is your duty to secure the reserved powers of the state of Kansas and to err on the side of individual liberty. This policy trajectory is not it.

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subject: Bill Introduction

Greetings,

I am interested in requesting the introduction of a conceptual bill that would reactivate the Kansas State Guard.

The purpose of this bill is to limit issues of federal overreach (i.e., injection mandates), in the mitigation, prevention, response, and recovery of threats to the state of Kansas and its citizens.

I do not have Kansas specific language but Texas looks like a good place to start.

Thank you

Nick Reinecker

