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To the Oklahoma National Guard and Oklahoma State Regents,

Through the diligent work of key legislators and leadership, SB1416 and SB1418 were passed and signed during the second session of the 58th legislature becoming law.

This legislation delivers the necessary framework to support the Oklahoma National Guard and their efforts to recruit and maintain an effective Guard force by providing outstanding financial support for continued education and degree attainment at our Oklahoma universities and colleges.

We acknowledge the need for continued appropriations to sustain this program, ensuring the Oklahoma National Guard and Oklahoma Regents are provided the financial resources necessary to support our Guard member's pursuit of continued education.

We will continue to work with the National Guard and the Oklahoma State Regents to determine the appropriate funding required for this program. This will ensure appropriations fulfill the need of the program effectively while remaining committed to fiscal responsibility by all of our partners.

Sincerely,

Senator Roger Thompson Senate Appropriations Chair Representative Kevin Wallace House Appropriations Chair

cc: BG Thomas P. Mancino, Adjutant General, Oklahoma National Guard