Why a dues increase?

I t is absolutely essential, if the National Guard is to remain strong, ready, and able to perform effectively in both state and federal missions, that it have a powerful, unified, undefeated voice in Washington. That’s where the key decisions are made on funding, training, equipping and maintaining the National Guard of every state.

It is the purpose of this letter, addressed to the sergeant major, to bring my concerns to the attention of those who have the power to act on these matters. The Association is facing a financial crisis, and it is necessary to address it head-on.

While the Association has been successful in maintaining our current level of service, it is clear that additional funding is needed to support our critical functions. Without adequate funding, the Association will be unable to continue to provide the services and support that are essential to the success of our mission.

The costs faced by the Association are many and varied, including the cost of maintaining our headquarters, providing training and support to our members, and ensuring that we are able to respond effectively to state and federal missions.

To address these challenges, it is necessary to consider a dues increase. This increase would provide the Association with the necessary funds to continue to operate effectively and ensure that we are able to provide the highest level of support to our members and the communities we serve.

I urge you to consider this proposal carefully and to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Association is able to continue to serve our members and the nation as a whole.

Sincerely,

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