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## Office of the Governor

November 23, 2015

The Honorable Ash Carter, Secretary  
United States Department of Defense  
The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Re: Request for Nevada National Guard Support Funding

Dear Secretary Carter:

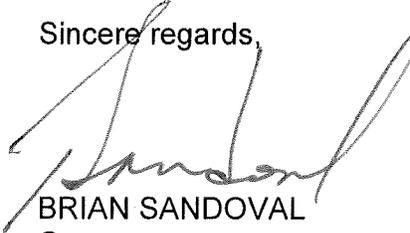
I am requesting expedited consideration of a funding allocation pursuant to 32 U.S.C. §§ 901-908 for homeland defense activities in the State of Nevada for scheduled New Year's Eve celebrations in Las Vegas. As you may know, Las Vegas hosts the second largest New Year's Eve celebration in the country, welcoming nearly 400,000 visitors, most of whom gather on the Las Vegas Strip at midnight to watch the fireworks. I want to ensure the safety of the residents and visitors of Nevada, which is why the State, in conjunction with Clark County and Las Vegas, are aggressively preparing to provide heightened security, protection, and necessary response capabilities.

This request for funding generates protection for critical infrastructure, local security, and a quick reaction force to augment first responders in the event of a catastrophic attack or mass casualty incident. Additionally, it protects air travelers by providing additional security at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas. To accomplish this goal, a force of up to two-hundred and fifty (250) Nevada National Guardsmen is required for three (3) days of operations costing an estimated \$300,000 in pay, allowances, equipment operations, maintenance, and facilities.

Given the enormous population that gathers downtown in Las Vegas on New Year's Eve, the capabilities of local authorities are severely burdened. This request is appropriate and necessary to ensure proper security and response capabilities within Nevada. The activities covered by this request will not be conducted in Title 10 status and do not interfere with any mobilizations.

Please contact me or Caleb Cage, Chief of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Nevada Homeland Security Advisor at (775) 687-0300 or [cscage@dps.state.nv.us](mailto:cscage@dps.state.nv.us). Thank you for your continued partnership in addressing homeland defense in Nevada.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandoval", written over a horizontal line.

BRIAN SANDOVAL  
Governor

Cc: Adjutant General BG William Burks, Nevada National Guard  
James Wright, Director, Nevada Department of Public Safety