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Representative Job Tate
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Dear Representative Tate,

Your efforts to implement a higher education tuition waiver in the Vermont National Guard are another step forward in a state already known for its devotion to the National Guard community. The *Vermont National Guard Education Assistance Act* represents the composite of proven National Guard tuition waivers from states with previously implemented policies. Furthermore, the Act stands as an example to other states considering similar programs. In addition to functioning as a useful recruiting incentive, your proposed legislation serves as a welcomed progression in the existing education benefits provided to the Vermont National Guard.

If the National Guard Association of the United States can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us. I look forward to the *Vermont National Guard Education Assistance Act* becoming law.


Gus Hargett
Major General, USA, (Ret)
President