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Major General Michael McGuire
National Guard Association of the United States
1 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Major General McGuire & Selection Committee,

I am writing in strong support of the City of Detroit's efforts to host the 146th National Guard Association of the United States' General Conference & Exhibition in 2024.

The State of Michigan and City of Detroit would be excellent hosts for this event. The city's TCF Convention Center is a world-class venue. Michigan's congressional delegation, State of Michigan leadership and the leadership of Metro Detroit's communities are strongly in support of bringing this event to Detroit and making it the most successful ever. I hope National Guard leaders from across the country will have an opportunity to experience the unique hospitality of the people of Detroit and witness first-hand the spirit that is fueling the historic resurgence of this great City.

Detroit's rich history makes it well suited to host this event. The origins of Michigan's National Guard dates back before Michigan became a state, and Detroit was at the center of that early history. The first Regiment of Michigan Militia, including the Detroit City Guards, made up the earliest Michigan units and were barracked in Detroit. Our "Motor City" became known as the "Arsenal of Democracy" in WWII because of the transformation of its automobile industry in support of the war. Today, this rich history is the foundation for Michigan's innovative and thriving defense sector, and the 11,000 men and women now proudly serving in the Michigan National Guard.

Michigan takes pride in training the men and women of our National Guard in support of our Nation's defense. I strongly support efforts to bring the 146th NGAUS General Conference & Exhibition to Detroit and urge your strong consideration.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stabenow
United States Senator

