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## GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

November 19, 2020

The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of all Kansans, I again thank you for your support in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and global pandemic. Your support to this point has been invaluable. Your approval of Title 32 502(f) was essential to combating the virus and providing vital capabilities to Kansas communities and citizens. To continue our fight against the virus, I am requesting an extension of Title 32 502(f) authority and funding through March 31, 2021.

Kansas remains in the midst of fighting this pandemic as infections continue to rise as we enter the winter season. Our government wide approach, to include our Kansas National Guard, remains critical to a multifaceted approach, combating the coronavirus and implementing the Kansas Unified Testing Strategy protecting Kansans and ensures a promising economy.

Our Soldiers and Airman play a vital role in Kansas' response to COVID-19. This extension will enable Kansas to continue aggressive action to maintain community-based testing, stage and distribute medical supplies, transport testing samples, and allow the state to safely reopen our economy. The extension will also allow flexibility in supporting requirements in executing Operation Warp Speed and other vaccine related activities.

Accordingly, I ask you to approve and direct the Office of Management and Budget, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Secretary of Defense to extend Title 32 502(f) authority and 100% funding for up to 500 members of the Kansas National Guard through March 31, 2021. This will allow for flexibility to respond quickly and appropriately to emerging requirements across Kansas.

I will continue to do everything possible to size our response force based on critical needs and to only use Title 32 502(f) authority and funding as necessary. I will continue to reassess the State's capacity as the situation unfolds and may request additional support, as necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Kelly".

Laura Kelly  
Governor of Kansas