

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Secretary of the Air Force
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Washington, DC 20330-1670

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Chief of Staff of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
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Dear Mr. Secretary and General,

We are writing today as members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation to request an update regarding the pending Record of Decision (RoD) for new mission sets being allocated to the Air National Guard and to urge its prompt finalization.

Section 514 of the FY25 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which resulted in the divestment of Air National Guard space missions, has had a profound and immediate impact on our state's military footprint.

Specifically, this divestment affected a total of 393 military billets within the 233rd Space Group – COANG based at the Greeley Air National Guard Station, impacting the livelihoods and careers of 178 full-time and 215 part-time Airmen. Future mission uncertainty has led to retention challenges of skilled personnel across a wide variety of backgrounds, such as Space Operators, Security Forces, Communication Specialists, and Logistics personnel.

Since the decision to divest was announced, we have lost 14 Airmen to other units, separation, or retirement, and have 19 more Airmen projected to transfer to the U.S. Space Force. As we look to the future of our national defense and the critical role filled by Colorado installations and military professionals, it's never been more important to prioritize a clear, stable path forward for the remaining highly trained servicemembers.

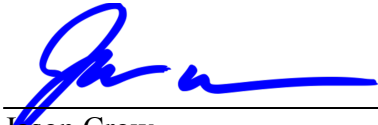
To adequately support our military communities during this transition, we respectfully request urgency in signing the RoD on new mission sets for the Air National Guard. This will allow our state to begin the basing process and provide the clarity essential for our military communities, as well as state and local governments, to properly prepare for these structural shifts.

The Colorado Congressional Delegation stands ready to support the Department of the Air Force in maintaining our tactical advantage and ensuring our Airmen are fully equipped, trained, and ready for future conflict. However, we must ensure that during these necessary transitions, we do not leave our dedicated National Guard members and their families in a state of uncertainty.

We request a formal written response to this inquiry by June 19, 2026.

Thank you for your continued leadership and your dedication to the men and women of the United States Air Force.

Sincerely,



Jason Crow
Member of Congress



Gabe Evans
Member of Congress



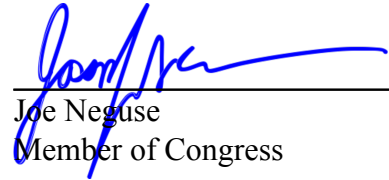
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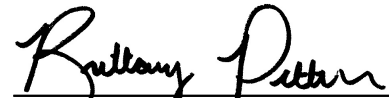
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