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### **Wyoming Democrats Call on Gordon to Defend State from Federal Overreach**

*Cheyenne, WY - In response to Donald Trump's recent deployment of federalized troops to California – carried out against the wishes of that state's governor – and the vague, open-ended June 7 memorandum that leaves the door open for similar action in other states, Wyoming Democratic Party has released the following statement:*

Wyoming Democratic Party is calling on Governor Gordon to publicly reject any attempt by Donald Trump to federalize Wyoming's National Guard to suppress protest, dissent, or political opposition within our state.

Thousands of Wyomingites across the state are preparing to peacefully protest this weekend, exercising their fundamental rights to freedom of speech and assembly. If Californians aren't safe to exercise these rights, neither are Wyomingites. Using military force against American citizens isn't just unconstitutional – it's un-American.

"Standing up for what we believe is the Wyoming way, any federal attempt to interfere with that isn't just legally dubious, it's insulting to who we are," said WDP Chair Lucas Fralick.

The National Guard exists to protect the people of this nation and assist the people of this state, not to be degraded to the level of henchmen in a campaign of revenge, repression, and authoritarian spectacle.

Wyoming has a long, proud history of pushing back against federal overreach. We call on Governor Gordon to uphold that tradition by pledging to stand with and stand up for the people of Wyoming, no matter who's in the White House.

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