

September 27, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Kristi Noem
Secretary of Homeland Security
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
3801 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary of Defense
U.S. Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear President Trump, Secretary Noem, and Secretary Hegseth,

I write to strongly condemn efforts by your administration to send federal troops to Portland, Oregon. In light of these concerns, I'm requesting an immediate meeting to discuss the legal basis and operational scope of these deployments.

Decisions to deploy military forces domestically, especially in communities that did not request or require their presence, warrant clear legal justification, transparency, and oversight. By bypassing consultation with Congress, the administration has further eroded public trust and is risking inflaming tensions on the ground. Oregonians deserve transparency and assurance that the use of military force—of which you have authorized “full force”—within our state is consistent with constitutional principles and public safety, not political gamesmanship.

I look forward to your prompt response and the opportunity to speak.

Sincerely,



Janelle Bynum
Member of Congress