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STATE LEGISLATORS ASK FOR CLARITY ON TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT IN SAN ANTONIO

SAN ANTONIO, TX — State Representative Trey Martinez Fischer, Dean of the San Antonio Legislative Delegation, has sent a formal letter to Governor Greg Abbott raising deep concern over the lack of coordination with local officials in the deployment of Texas National Guard troops to San Antonio. State Representatives Ray Lopez, Liz Campos, Josey Garcia, Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, and Diego Bernal of San Antonio share this concern and are monitoring the situation closely.

“From what I understand, no one in the Bexar County Legislative Delegation, the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, or local law enforcement was briefed—not on the number of troops, their mission, or the reasoning behind the deployment,” Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer wrote.

At a press conference earlier on Wednesday, June 11th, Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Police Chief William McManus stated that the City and SAPD were not informed of the deployment, nor did they expect to receive any details from the Governor’s Office or the Texas Military Department.

The Governor has since confirmed via social media that Guard troops are being deployed in cities across Texas. In the letter, Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer notes that this communication, issued without a formal briefing, raises more questions than it answers.

“If the protests around the state pose a threat significant enough to justify military intervention, then local leaders must be informed of that threat and the state’s response. Protests in San Antonio have been peaceful, not violent. Deploying the state military without local coordination only risks inflaming tensions on the ground.”

The letter formally requests a briefing for the San Antonio Legislative Delegation on the scope, legal authority, and operational goals of the deployment. Rep. Martinez Fischer, Rep. Lopez, Rep. Campos, Rep. Garcia, Rep. Gervin-Hawkins, and Rep. Bernal urge the Governor to

publicly communicate the Guard's rules of engagement and protest response policies, and to guarantee that troops will not surveil, confront, or detain peaceful protesters.

"Sending soldiers into our cities without explanation invites conflict and puts our communities at risk," Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer said. "Texas should not repeat the mistake now facing legal challenge in Los Angeles."

A full copy of the [letter can be viewed here](#).

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