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**ATAG-AIR PREPARED TESTIMONY FOR HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 68,
REVISE DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE DUTY STATUS OF, AND
PROTECTIONS AFFORDED TO, MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS,
WEDNESDAY, 21 JAN 15, 0900 HRS., (H) STATE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,
ROOM 455, MT STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Good morning Mister Chairman and members of the House State Administration Committee. For the record my name is Brigadier General Bryan P. Fox [SPELLED: F-O-X]. I am the Assistant Adjutant General – Air, for the MT Air National Guard, MT Department of Military Affairs. Major General Matthew T. Quinn, the Adjutant General for the State of Montana, and Director of the Department of Military Affairs, has asked me to speak on his behalf to lend our support for passage of House Bill 68, which has been requested by the Department of Military Affairs. Major General Quinn could not be here today, because he is currently attending a Senior Leader Army National Guard force structure conference out of state.

As the Sponsor has previously testified, House Bill 68 is “Clean-up Bill” that will update the definition of the types of State military statuses under which a member of the Montana National Guard may serve. The update will ensure that all Montana National Guard members, regardless of which State military status they are performing under, are equally afforded the statutory protections and benefits that have been created by the Montana Legislature.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Representative Kelker for sponsoring House Bill 68. Again I ask that you recommend a “do pass” for House Bill 68. Subject to your questions, this concludes my testimony. Thank-you. [If no questions, sit down.]

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