



UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 6, 2018

The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor of Wisconsin
115 E. Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

I write to urge you to oppose sending National Guard troops from Wisconsin to the U.S.-Mexico border.

The men and women serving in Wisconsin's National Guard are dedicated and honorable public servants and they should be treated accordingly. Wisconsin Guardsmen and women uphold a delicate balance between their service to our state and country and their duties at home, including their families, jobs and other responsibilities. They should only be called upon to leave behind their jobs and families under truly serious and necessary circumstances. The current situation doesn't even come close to meeting that standard.

At a time of historically low border crossings, President Trump isn't offering a solution to any alleged threat that our country may face; instead, he is continuing to serve his personal folly at the U.S. border with Mexico. Our service members in Wisconsin should not be used as pawns while President Trump attempts to rally his base after Congress has repeatedly rejected his demands to build a border wall.

President Trump's ill-conceived plan to deploy National Guard members to the southern border would be grossly irresponsible and would only serve to belittle and politicize the dedicated service of our troops. For these reasons, I urge you to reject any consideration of the deployment of the Wisconsin National Guard as part of this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress