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Dear Governor Brown:

I am concerned about border militarization. The second amendment enshrines state militias which are now reorganized as National Guard units. These units have seen various deployments but are particularly well suited to rapid disaster response. President Trump has suggest their use for border patrols, something which is not only not a disaster but not even a problem. Throwing California troops into this assault on immigrants would be an error for several reasons. There is the optics of state officers working along side those who have been attacking our communities with immoral and unjustified apprehensions - often involving illegal profiling and evasion of minimum-wage laws at detention facilities. There is the danger of inappropriate responses by teams not trained in border control as with the murder of Sergio Hernandez Guereca. There is the expense of mobilization. Finally there is the possibility of an actual disaster.

Please assure me that you will bar California National Guard from border enforcement.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our .

Sincerely,
Eric Babson