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Dear Mr President:

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I am concerned about militarization.

Secretary Hegseth has announced that the military now controls a strip along the border. This is being used as an excuse to charge people who cross with entry not only to the country but also to a military installation though at the moment it is apparently difficult to tell one is entering this zone prior to being charged. The move also invites violations of the posse comitatus act by giving the military license to operate within the country. The announcement suggested that further seizures are forthcoming after this trial attempt to follow your illegal order that Hegseth, Secretary Noem and General Bondi explore domestic military deployment. Particularly chilling are your repeated calls for military arrests of 'radical left lunatics' and military tribunals for political opponents

Please assure me that you will keep the military out of law enforcement. My pride in the US derives in part from our civilian government.

Sincerely, Eric Babson