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The Honorable Jack Reed
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Dear Senator Reed:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) for passage of S. 2312, the National Guard Technician Equity Act. LIUNA represents over 500,000 workers throughout North America, including more than 5,000 National Guard civilian technicians in nine (9) states. Both the International Union and our ten (10) National Guard Local Unions thank you for your introduction of this important legislation.

National Guard civilian technicians are known as "dual status" employees, because although they are civilian employees, they must retain membership and serve in the National Guard as a condition of their civilian position. National Guard civilian technicians are governed by the Technician Act of 1969, 32 USC 709, which limits the rights of this group of civilian federal workers. Your legislation will go a long way toward ensuring fairness for the civilian technicians that we represent.

Specifically, passage of S. 2312 would greatly benefit the National Guard civilian technicians that we represent by allowing them to seek redress for whistleblower reprisal, avoid arbitrary termination without cause, and ensure they can reach retirement age.

Again, we thank you for your sponsorship of S. 2312 and look forward to working with you to ensure passage of this important legislation. Please contact Leo Gannon, in the LIUNA Legislative Department, at 202-942-2256 or lgannon@liuna.org with any questions you may have.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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