

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER OF MICHIGAN AND  
MR. RAHALL OF WEST VIRGINIA**

At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following:

**1 SEC. 515. CHIEF OF NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU.**

2 (a) **ROLE AS ADVOCATE AND LIAISON.**—Section  
3 10502 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as  
5 subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

6 (2) by inserting after subsection (c), the fol-  
7 lowing new subsection:

8 “(d) **ADVOCATE AND LIAISON FOR STATE NATIONAL**  
9 **GUARDS.**—The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall  
10 serve as an advocate and liaison for the National Guard  
11 of each State, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Dis-  
12 trict of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands and in-  
13 form such National Guards of all actions that could affect  
14 their Federal or State missions, including any equipment  
15 level or force structure changes.”.

16 (b) **INCLUSION AS MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF**  
17 **STAFF.**—

18 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 10502 of title 10,  
19 United States Code, is further amended by inserting

1 after subsection (d) (as amended by subsection (a)  
2 of this section), the following new subsection:

3 “(e) MEMBER OF JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.—

4 “(1) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau  
5 shall be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (as  
6 described in section 151 of this title).

7 “(2) As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff,  
8 the Chief of the National Guard Bureau has the spe-  
9 cific responsibility of advocating for the National  
10 Guards of the States, the Commonwealth of Puerto  
11 Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Vir-  
12 gin Islands and coordinating the efforts of the  
13 warfighting support and force provider mission of  
14 the National Guard with the homeland defense, de-  
15 fense support to civil authorities, and State emer-  
16 gency response missions of the National Guard to  
17 ensure the National Guard has the resources to per-  
18 form its multiple missions.

19 “(3) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau  
20 shall consult with the Governors and the Adjutants  
21 General of the States before any changes are made  
22 in National Guard force structure or equipment lev-  
23 els (or both) to determine the impact such changes  
24 may have on the homeland defense, defense support

1 to civil authorities, and State emergency response  
2 missions of the National Guard.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
4 151(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(7) The Chief of the National Guard Bu-  
7 reau.”.

