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As a member of the Texas Military Forces and being called to border duty by the Governor, it was explained to me and my peers the only benefit if injured would be through "worker's comp." To my knowledge, no death gratuity or health insurance similar to those benefits afforded as on federal status were provided, either by the state or federal government. This bill would go a long way to provide those service members on the border and their families some support should any tragedy befall them while on duty for the state.

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Our organization strongly supports this bill. Texas State Guard members defend our state and are subject to some of the same conditions and similar types of trauma as that experienced by active duty members under Federal orders. They and their family members would benefit significantly if this bill was passed and signed by the Governor.