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## Utah National Guard's Official Statement Regarding Relocation of Soldiers in Washington D.C.

It has been heartbreaking for our Utah National Guard service members to witness the pain, suffering, and frustration in our communities across this nation. Responding to civil unrest in Utah and in our nation's capital is the hardest mission we face, but one that we are trained and prepared to do.

The Utah National Guard activated approximately 200 service members June 1, 2020, in response to a request for support from our national command authority. The Utah National Guard has been supporting civil authorities with our top priority of protecting lives as well as preserving property and critical infrastructure in our nation's capital. Last night, we were informed that our service members would be relocated from their hotel rooms. At this time, their housing situation has not been resolved. The District of Columbia's National Guard is working diligently to resolve the matter.

The Utah National Guard is in the area to help. We are committed to supporting our partners and serving our fellow Americans for as long as we are needed.

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