



Joint Statement from Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago, and The Civic Federation on the Planned Activation of the National Guard in the Chicago Region

"Chicago has assembled a broad coalition of public, private, and civic stakeholders who have been working collaboratively in a 'one table' approach to try to make our city safer over the last several years. We are making meaningful progress through these collective efforts.

National Guard troops on our streets, like those reportedly being ordered here by the federal government, have the potential to sow fear and chaos, threatening our businesses' bottom lines and our reputation. We believe there's a critical role for federal partnership and support to enhance public safety in Chicago. But to be helpful, it is vital that it be coordinated, responsive to our city's particular needs, and integrated with our ongoing efforts on the ground. It also needs to be conducted in a way that is respectful of the civil liberties and constitutional rights of all who live here."

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