

Sen. Craig: Reacts to Governor Evers' decision to remove National Guard units from Mexico border

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Madison, WI — Today, State Senator David Craig (R-Town of Vernon) responded to Governor Tony Evers' decision to pull Wisconsin National Guard troops from the Mexico border with the following statement:

“At a time when Wisconsin and the nation is experiencing an epidemic of drug deaths, Governor Evers' decision to remove National Guard troops who are aiding in the fight against drug smuggling is entirely misguided and is not in the best interest of the people of Wisconsin.”

Wisconsin law enforcement has traced the majority of meth and heroin seized in Wisconsin to the southern border.

“The presence of the Guard troops at the border is not only a deterrent against drug cartels looking to push illicit drugs into the United States, it is the first line of defense to protect the health and safety of our local communities from preventable drug deaths and crime surrounding the drug trade.”

Statistics on drug seizures at the U.S. border illustrate an alarming increase in drug

tracking taking place over the past decade. According to U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, heroin-related drug poisoning deaths nearly doubled between 2013 and 2016, with the market for such drugs being primarily sourced from Mexico.

“Drug trafficking and gang violence is not an issue isolated to states at the border, and Governor Evers’ ill-advised decision to withdraw Wisconsin National Guard units from the southern border is dangerous and risks the welfare of Wisconsinites.”