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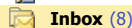
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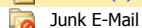
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### WASHINGTON – Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)

released the following statement on President Trump's threat to invoke the Insurrection Act and deploy the armed forces on American soil:

"The President's threat to use the Insurrection Act would do immense damage to Communities across the United States," **said Congresswoman Adams.** "Deploying the military on American soil will needlessly escalate conflicts across our country, and it is an idea that betrays President Trump's moral and political cowardice. He does not know how to call on our country 'to unite in steadfast determination and resolve.' He does not know how to 'feel our pain.' He does not know how to lead a choir in 'Amazing Grace.' So he will send in the Marines and make our neighborhoods pay the price for his desperation and lack of empathy."

### Background:

Last night, **President Donald Trump** threatened to deploy the United States military on American soil:

*"Today, I have strongly recommended to every governor to deploy the National Guard in sufficient numbers that we dominate the streets. Mayors and governors must establish an overwhelming law enforcement presence until the violence has been quelled."*

*"If a city or a state refuses to take the actions that are necessary to defend the life and property of their residents, then I will deploy the United States military and quickly solve the problem for them."*

While this statement has been overshadowed by President Trump teargassing peaceful protestors for a photo-op at a church, **the suggestion that the Insurrection Act is an appropriate response to the nationwide protests over the deaths of George Floyd and others could not be more dangerous.**

**The response from Armed Forces members inside and outside the Pentagon has been [uncharacteristically critical](#):**

*"I believe that **we in America should not get used to or accept uniformed service members of any variety having to be put in a position where they are having to secure people inside the United States of America**," Army Maj. Gen. Thomas Carden, the Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard, told reporters Sunday. He added that although "while we are glad to do it and honored to do it, this is a sign of the times that we need to do better as a country."*

CNN also reports that more National Guard troops are deployed right now than at any time in history.

**Congresswoman Alma Adams** represents North Carolina's 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District (Charlotte) and serves as Vice Chair of the House Committee on Agriculture. Additionally, she serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the House Education & Labor Committee, where she serves as Chair of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee.

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