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**MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S THREAT TO  
DEPLOY THE NATIONAL GUARD IN CHICAGO**

**CHICAGO** – This morning President Donald Trump held a press conference in which he spread misinformation about crime in major cities and threatened to deploy National Guard troops in Chicago, as he has done in Los Angeles and now Washington D.C. In response, Mayor Brandon Johnson issued the following statement:

"From my first day in office, public safety has been my top priority. In just two years we have made historic progress, driving down homicides by more than 30% and reducing shootings by almost 40% in the last year alone. Last week, we learned that President Trump cut another \$158 million in funding for violence prevention programs in cities like Chicago. These cuts are on top of the Trump administration dismantling the Office of Gun Violence Prevention and terminating more than \$800 million in grants for anti-violence programs across the country.

"If President Trump wants to help make Chicago safer, he can start by releasing the funds for anti-violence programs that have been critical to our work to drive down crime and violence. Sending in the national guard would only serve to destabilize our city and undermine our public safety efforts."

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