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Dear Joe,

My constituent, Mr. (b) (6) [redacted], has requested my office to make an inquiry regarding the status of their case.

I would greatly appreciate any information you are able to provide. If you have any further questions or need clarification please contact my staff member, (b) (6) [redacted] at 630-893-9670. Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,

Peter Roskam

Peter J. Roskam
Member of Congress

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Privacy Release Form
Congressman Peter Roskam, 6th Congressional District, IL

Under the Privacy Act of 1974, Federal Agencies are prohibited from releasing any information regarding an individual without written consent. Therefore, I hereby give you and your staff permission to make inquiries into my records kept by the:

(List (b) (6) [redacted]

Veterans Claim Number (if applies)_____

Military Identification Number (if applies)_____

Other numbers identifying my case_____

Types of benefits I am seeking_____

Date and Place claim was filed_____

Please write a brief description of the problem with which you are requesting assistance (attach copies of additional documentation):

SEE ATTACHED

(b) (6) [redacted]

Sig[redacted] Date DEC. 08, 2009

Please return to :
Congressman Peter Roskam
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CONGRESSWOMAN MELISSA BEAN

Representing the Eighth District of Illinois

Privacy Act Release Form

In order to open a case on your behalf, please complete this form and return it to my Schaumburg office. You should also include copies of any relevant documents, but please send only copies of your documents and do not send originals.

(b) (6)

Name: [redacted]

Address:

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Alien Registration Number: A_____

Veteran's Claim Number: _____

Military I.D. Number: _____

Branch of Service: U.S. NAVY Dates of Service: 09/17/09 – 10/21/09

Other Case or Claim Numbers: _____

Briefly explain your problem or the information you are requesting:

MY PROBLEM IS THAT I WAS JUST RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM THE US NAVY ON THE COUNT OF A FRAUDULENT ENLISTMENT. I FEEL THAT I DON'T DESERVE THE TYPE OF DISCHARGE AND THE FINANCIAL PENALTIES AND FUTURE DISADVANTAGES THAT CAME WITH THE DISCHARGE. I HAVE DESCRIBED MY CASE IN THE FOLLOWING LETTER... BEFORE ANYTHING, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO REVIEW MY CASE.

The Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the disclosure of personal information without that individual's consent. I agree to allow Congresswoman Melissa Bean to access any records relati (b) (6) above.

Signature: [redacted] Date: NOV. 24, 2009

For assistance in completing this form phone 847-517-2927.

This form may be returned by fax to: 847-517-2931, or by mail to:

Congresswoman Melissa Bean, 1701 E Woodfield Road, Suite 200, Schaumburg, IL 60173

Dear Congresswoman Melissa Bean,

My name is (b) (6) [redacted] I am 21 years old, and I've been a very proud American, Illinois, and (b) (6) [redacted] all my life. I'm typing this letter to you, asking for your help. A few months ago I enlisted in the US Navy. I put all my hopes and dreams into the Navy. I quit college so that I could become a sailor and help defend our country and what it stands for. And on September 17th, I was shipped to Great Lakes Naval Base for boot camp. About three and a half weeks into my training, I had to go to the medical building because I got sick. I was diagnosed with a minor case of pneumonia. Now, I haven't had breathing problems since I was in elementary school, but when the doctors pulled out my medical records and saw that I have a history of asthma, they were forced to separate me from the Navy. For the following two weeks, the Navy placed me in a separation unit, and I was waiting to be sent home. And I just got home in the middle of October.

I'm respectfully requesting your help. The Navy separated me on the count of a fraudulent enlistment discharge because I didn't tell the Military Entrance Processing Station about my asthma history. And I didn't tell MEPS about my asthma history because my recruiter told me not to mention it. So, as a punishment, the Navy is making me pay for my stay in the separation unit. I owe the Navy several hundred dollars now for all of the deductions they charged me with for my stay at the separations unit. So I'm wondering if you, or possibly another congressman or another government official you know, can help me, in any way, to get rid of the fraudulent enlistment charge. I don't believe I deserve this charge against me because I was instructed by considerably high ranking military personnel to not mention anything bad about my medical record, including my asthma history, otherwise the Navy wouldn't let me in. By getting rid of the fraudulent enlistment discharge, I wouldn't have to owe the Navy any money, and I wouldn't have to feel ashamed of myself when having to explain my discharge to future employers. This discharge may even come as a major disadvantage to me in the future when I'm trying to find a job to start a career.

I'm not one to whine about my problems or brag about my accomplishments or anything like that. But I do feel that I deserve some of the help that I'm asking for. I've been a hardworking member for our community and our country for some time now. And I have never asked for

anything in return until now. I'm a strong believer in payless, volunteer work to help the community. And, ever since the age of 15, I have volunteered to help many political campaigns by walking precincts, handing out fliers, taking surveys, and just hours upon hours of whatever I can do to help the politician or cause I'm supporting at the time. But I've done other volunteer community work as well. For the past four years, I've been a volunteer coach for the Streamwood Youth Basketball Association. And for the past two years, I've been a board member for the Streamwood Youth Basketball Association as well. I've put in countless hours to making this youth basketball league better and I will continue for as long as I can. I was also a coach for the Streamwood Little League for a year. And I've also been an Umpire/ Park Official for the Streamwood Little League and other local Little Leagues since I was sixteen.

I'm not a very strong believer in several of the social programs that the government is running today. But I do strongly believe that the government does an excellent job at protecting its citizens, their Constitutional rights, and their nation's sovereignty. And I've always wanted to be a part of that, which is why I enlisted in the Navy. But even before the Navy, I was going to college, majoring in criminal justice. Originally, I wanted to be a police officer and try to work my way up to some sort of an elected office. I've always wanted to just help the country that I love so much. And I believe I still can. But with a fraudulent enlistment discharge on my record, it's probably going to be close to impossible for me to get a government job that involves helping people. Because I fear the fraudulent enlistment discharge is going to make me look like either liar or a traitor, which I'm not remotely close to being either one, to employers... I've always been a good student in school, especially in any type of social studies or history or government class. I probably understand the US Constitution better than 90% of our country, along with many politicians from both sides of the isle. I just love to learn and study about, and also practice things that have shaped and continue to shape mankind. So please don't feel that you're wasting your time with me. Because I feel I can make a very positive difference within the government if I was given a chance.

Here are a few reasons why the Navy shouldn't have charged with fraudulent enlistment. First of all, on my very first visit to my recruiter's officer, one of the very first things I said is that I

have had a history of asthma as a young child, but haven't had an episode of asthma for a decade. He told me not to worry about it, but also never to mention it. I reminded my recruiter about my asthma history a second time, asking him if it will cause a legal problem for me in the future. He showed me the sign that states the penalties of fraudulent enlistment and told me that it is nothing but a scare-tactic. And he reminded me to never mention my asthma history, other wise the Navy wouldn't let me enlist. And there was another occasion where the same thing happened. So I told my recruiter three times about my history of asthma as a child. And my recruiter, a Petty Officer, First Class of the United States Navy, told me to never say anything about my medical history. So I never did until the doctors at boot camp pulled out my medical records and questioned me about it, which was a day before my separation from my division. Another reason why I feel I shouldn't have been charged with fraudulent enlistment is because there is no legitimate proof that I was suffering from asthma while I was in boot camp. And typed in my records is, "REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION OF SEPARATION: ASTHMA." As a matter of fact, about a week before my doctor diagnosed me with asthma, he diagnosed me with pneumonia. It wasn't until he opened my medical records when he diagnosed me with asthma. So, for all I know, I could have been separated from my hopes and dreams because I had a minor lung infection that could have been cured with some bed rest. And I haven't had any breathing or coughing problems since getting home from boot camp. So, more than likely, a minor case of pneumonia got me kicked out of the Navy. Not asthma. My private doctor has even written you a letter saying that I haven't had an episode of asthma since 1999.

There are also a few things in my records that I completely disagree with. One of the notes that the doctor from boot camp wrote down was that I was treated for asthma within three to four months prior to being shipped to boot camp. And that's completely untrue. I have not been treated for asthma or any breathing problem for years. And I'm giving you a copy of my private medical records to prove it. There are also a few other disagreements that I have with my Navy records. And, as you will see, I have highlighted the disagreements and wrote down explanations why I disagree with the record next to it.

I'm sorry for the long letter. But I came to you, respectfully requesting your help because

I feel you're the only person that I can go to for help right now. Just to let you know, I hold no grudge against the Navy, or any branch of the Armed Forces, at all. I'm as much of a flag-waiving patriot as I have ever been... All of the papers I sent with this letter are copies of all the papers I received while I was in the separations unit over a two and a half week period. And they are all in exact order of how I received them. They're not stapled in any special way. But they are all there and they are all in order. I've also given you a yellow envelope. In the envelope are all my private medical records since 1994. You are more than welcome to look through them as you please.

So I've told you about myself and the trouble I'm in, and now I'm going to let you go back to doing your job. I would greatly appreciate any help that you can give me. And even if you can't help, I would appreciate a response. You can reach me at my email address (b) (6) [redacted], or at my cell phone numbe (b) (6) [redacted] or at my home address, (b) (6) [redacted] (b) (6) [redacted]. If you need any other information or help with anything, please don't hesitate to contact me... Thank you for any help you can give me, thank you for your time, thank you for reviewing my case, and thank you for all of your great service to our state, and our country. Good bye and God bless.

Thank you,

(b) (6) [redacted]