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The Honorable Rob Portman
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Portman:

Congratulations on your election to the House of Representatives and best wishes for success and achievement during your term of office. As Superintendent of the Naval Academy, I believe one of my important relationships with Members of Congress concerns nominations of candidates to the Naval Academy, and I will summarize pertinent information that may be helpful when you consider awarding your nominations.

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If you have any questions concerning Naval Academy admissions matters, please call me; or your staff can contact Commander George A. Melnychenko, USN, Nominations and Appointments Officer. He can be reached at the Academy on local Washington telephone line at 261-2714 or, if calling from your local state office 410-267-4392; toll free 800-638-9156, ext. 156.

Congressional nominees constitute the major source of midshipmen admitted to the Naval Academy. The record of those receiving appointments over the last century has been outstanding. We look forward to working closely with you and your staff to make sure the Naval Academy continues to meet its responsibility to our country.

Again, please accept my personal congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

R. C. LYNCH
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy
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United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Our Admissions Counselors conduct biweekly visits to congressional offices in Washington, DC to inform staff members about admissions requirements and nomination procedures. They also assist in arranging Naval Academy representation at Service Academy Days held in your state and in arranging Naval Academy tours for educators, staff members and prospective applicants. They will be making courtesy calls to your Capitol Hill office in the near future.

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MARCH 21 2011

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Member, United States House of Representatives
20 South Main Street, Suite 10
Janesville, WI 53545

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your letter of March 2, 2011, concerning a medical waiver for [redacted] 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) for admission to the United States Naval Academy with the Class of [redacted] As a result of your inquiry, I have directed the information you provided to be included in [redacted] 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) medical file.

If a determination is made that [redacted] 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) will be considered for an offer of appointment, the additional information will be considered when a waiver decision is made. As a matter of policy, the Naval Academy does not process medical waivers unless a determination is made that an offer of appointment will be made.

Thank you for your interest in this fine young [redacted] 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

M. H. MILLER
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
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MARCH 22 2011

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Member, United States House of Representatives
P.O. Box 1919
Janesville, WI 53547-1919

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your letter of March 11, 2011, recommending 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) for the Naval Academy Summer Seminar (NASS). We appreciate your comments and insight regarding 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) high school academic accomplishments, community service and 5 U.S.C. §5 leadership potential.

I am pleased to inform you that 5 U.S.C. §552(has been selected to attend NASS session three. We hope 5 U.S.C. will take advantage of the excellent opportunity to learn more about the Naval Academy, and midshipman life. Historically, we have found that nearly two-thirds of the young men and women who attend Summer Seminar will complete the application for admission to the incoming class.

Thank you for your support of the United States Naval Academy and your endorsement of this fine young 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6)

Sincerely,

M. H. MILLER
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
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MAY 16 2011

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Member, United States House of Representatives
20 South Main Street, Suite 10
Janesville, WI 53545

Attention: Mr. Chad Herbert

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you for your letter of May 6, 2011, concerning 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) application to the United States Naval Academy with the Class of 2015. As a result of your inquiry, I directed the Dean of Admissions to review 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) candidate application file.

I am pleased to report that a waiver of medical standards for history of acromioclavicular 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) was approved and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) received notification by letter on May 5, 2011.

Thank you for your interest in this fine young 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

M. H. MILLER
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Superintendent

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05 SEP 1996

The Honorable John J. Kasich
Member, United States House of
Representatives
2700 East Dublin Grenville Road
Suite 525
Columbus, OH 43231

Dear Mr. Kasich:

Thank you for your letter of August 6, 1996, to RADM William J. Flanagan on behalf of your constituent, Midshipman First Class 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) Midshipman 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) was convicted at two separate courts-martial for offenses involving unlawful drugs. 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) was sentenced to 20 months confinement, forfeiture of pay, and dismissal from the naval service.

As part of the review process, I have examined the complete records of trial and submissions from Midshipman 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) counsel. Other letters requesting clemency on 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) behalf were also considered. After reviewing all the facts and circumstances surrounding Midshipman 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) case and taking into consideration documents submitted on 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) behalf, Midshipman 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) 20-month sentence was reduced to 12 months. As the General Court-Martial Convening Authority, I can assure you that I use my best judgment and experience in determining whether all or part of the sentence adjudged should be approved or suspended and whether clemency should be granted in a particular case.

I want you to know that I appreciate your concern on behalf of Midshipman 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) and your continuing support of the Naval Academy. Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

C. R. LARSON
Admiral, U.S. Navy
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The Honorable Richard Burr
United States Senator
2000 West First Street
Suite 508
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

Attention: Mr. Chad Tilley

Dear Senator Burr:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 2008, regarding a recent U.S. Naval Academy Academic Board decision not to retain Midshipman 1/C [redacted] U.S. Navy, in the Brigade of Midshipmen.

At the Academy our mission is to instill in midshipmen the means to develop morally, mentally and physically so they can honorably serve the men and women of our Navy and Marine Corps as commissioned officers. In order to meet this mission, we must necessarily establish and strive to enforce the highest of standards for our midshipmen.

One of the most challenging duties we perform at the Academy is reviewing cases that may result in the disenrollment of midshipmen for not maintaining our academic standards. I note that Midshipman [redacted] waived [redacted] privacy rights, so I can verify that he was not retained by our August 2008 Academic Board for failure to meet minimum Academy academic standards. In accordance with Naval Academy instruction 5420.24F, Midshipman [redacted] was given more than the required 24 hours notice to prepare for [redacted] academic board and was present when the decision of the board was announced. [redacted] was also given a full explanation of the reason fo[redacted] separation.

When a Midshipman is separated by an academic board they may request reconsideration of the board's decision. On August 20, 2008, Midshipman [redacted] was advised by LCDR [redacted] the Commandant's Staff Judge Advocate of [redacted] right to request reconsideration of the board's decision. He was also informed that [redacted] needed to submit [redacted] request not later than August 26, 2008. When Midshipman [redacted] commenced separation leave on September 8, 2008, [redacted] still had not submitted the required paperwork.

On September 19, 2008, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy approved Midshipman [redacted] separation and ordered [redacted] to recoup $127,258.39 for educational benefits received during his time at the Academy. Midshipman [redacted] could appeal to the Secretary in writing, requesting a waiver of [redacted] obligation or express a sincere desire to perform active enlisted service instead of financial recoupment. In order to be granted a financial waiver, Midshipman [redacted] would need to convince the Secretary tha[redacted] ailed, "despite determined efforts." Unfortunately the separation decision is final.

I assure you that the decision to separate Midshipman [redacted] was made only after a careful review of all the facts and circumstances contained in his Academy record including

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academic performance, aptitude, conduct input from the chain of command, and explanations by Midshipman [redacted] The Academic Board is not a mere formality. I personally chair the Board, the Dean of Admissions acts as the Board's Secretary, and its membership is made up of the Academic Dean, the Commandant of Midshipmen, and includes three heads of what would be our "colleges" in a civilian university setting.

Midshipman [redacted] was given opportunities to succeed after four earlier Academic Boards. In each of the previous boards, Midshipman [redacted] was retained by a waiver and had been placed on academic probation since spring semester of 2006. [redacted] was also given ample opportunity to correct his deficiencies and was given full access to the Naval Academy's academic assistance resources.

In regard to Midshipman [redacted] possible indebtedness or enlisted service obligation, in that [redacted] was a first class midshipman who failed to meet all Academy standards, [redacted] was properly notified that [redacted] faces monetary or obligated service responsibilities arising from [redacted] receipt of educational benefits while attending the Academy. It should be noted that [redacted] specifically requested enlisted service in lieu of recoupment, and I forwarded my recommendation to the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (M&RA) consistent with [redacted] request.

I hope this information is helpful for your communication with your constituent. While [redacted] was not successful at the U.S. Naval Academy, we clearly recognize that Midshipman [redacted] has the potential to excel in any endeavor [redacted] undertakes and wish [redacted] only the best of luck in the future. If you or your staff should have any further questions, my Staff Judge Advocate, CAPT 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) JAGC, U.S. Navy, can be reached at [redacted]

I wish to thank you for your interest and continued support of the United States Naval Academy.

Sincerely,

J. L. FOWLER
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Superintendent

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MAY 1 4 1998

The Honorable Rob Portman
Member, United States House of Representatives
8044 Montgomery Road
Suite 540
Cincinnati, OH 45236

Dear Mr. Portman:

Your letter of 9 April 1998 to the Navy Office of Legislative Affairs concerning 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) [redacted] has been forwarded to me for response.

As you know, the Naval Academy's mission is to develop midshipmen morally, mentally and physically in order to provide graduates who are prepared for the rigors of leading our armed forces. We expect that our graduates will lead from the front and set the example for their troops. Physical education and testing is a vital part of our program. Successful completion of the Academy's Physical Education standards is a requirement for both graduation and commissioning. Those midshipmen who fail to meet these published standards are subject to review by the Academy's Academic Board.

5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) [redacted] record indicates a long term history of struggle with the Physical Readiness Test (PRT). In three of seven semesters at the Academy 5 U.S.C. [redacted] initially failed the PRT, finally passing it following remediation on the conditioning squad. During 5 U.S.C. §552 [redacted] final semester, 5 U.S.C. [redacted] failed it for the fourth time and was unable to attain a passing grade. On 28 February 1998, 5 U.S.C. [redacted] case was referred to the Academic Board and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) was informed in writing that 5 U.S.C. [redacted] would be separated due to Physical Education deficiency unless 5 U.S.C. [redacted] passed the PRT by 16 March 1998. Despite repeated attempts, before and after 16 March, was not able to achieve the required standard of performance. On 6 April the Academic Board heard 5 U.S.C. [redacted] request for reconsideration of the 28 February decision. 5 U.S.C. [redacted] had still not passed the PRT and the Board reaffirmed its earlier decision to separate 5 U.S.C. [redacted] (The Board believed that 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) was trying his best and voted to recommend waiving any recoupment for the cost of 5 U.S.C. [redacted] education.

5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) medical record indicates 5 U.S.C. [redacted] reported to Battalion Sick Call on 28 January 1998 with a complaint of pain in the 5 U.S.C. §552(b) [redacted] area. 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) described 5 U.S.C. [redacted] pain as mild to moderate (three to four on a scale of ten) and 5 U.S.C. [redacted] was examined by a Hospital Corpsman who is also a physical therapy technician. The Corpsman provided authorization for restricted activity until 2 February, a period of 5 days, but did not consider the problem serious enough to refer 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) [redacted] for evaluation by a physician. There is no indication 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) returned with further complaints of discomfort after 5 U.S.C. [redacted] brief period of restricted duty had elapsed. In fact, the only time 5 U.S.C. [redacted] was seen in our Clinic during the past 3 months was 10 April for 5 U.S.C. [redacted] medical examination for separation after the Academic Board's action. At that time 5 U.S.C. [redacted] indicated on medical forms that 5 U.S.C. [redacted] currently had no medical condition which limited his ability to perform the duties expected of 5 U.S.C. §55 [redacted]

I regret I cannot provide a more positive response. The Academic Board has reviewed 5 U.S.C. §5 [redacted] case on two occasions and I have personally examined this case in detail. I am convinced that we provided sufficient training, time and every possible opportunity for 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) [redacted] to succeed. I wish 5 U.S.C. §55 [redacted] the best success in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

C. R. LARSON
Admiral, U.S. Navy
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JUL 0 6 2004

The Honorable Patrick J. Toomey
House of Representatives
224 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3815

Attn: Mr. David Cuddy

Dear Mr. Toomey:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, 2004, regarding a constituent email from [redacted] 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) to your office concerning his perception that a member of our football team was wearing the logo of a private company on his football uniform while participating in a televised Navy football game.

During Academy football games, our players are authorized to wear unit patches honoring the men and women in our active duty Navy and Marine Corps units. These patches are sent to us from around the world by members of our Fleet or Marine Force who are hopeful one of their patches will be worn by a midshipman to inspire the player and team during competition.

Review of this matter resulted in the discovery that the patch [redacted] 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) is referring to was probably sent to our team member by the men and women of Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron Two flying the EA-6B Prowler in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. A copy of the patch is enclosed and is obviously satirical in nature, but is neither an advertisement nor endorsement of any private entity.

We all share [redacted] 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(6) pride in our midshipmen athletes who wish to proudly represent our Sailors and Marines whenever they compete, especially on the national stage. Academy policy is designed, therefore, to allow our players to recognize individual Fleet/Marine Force Units by displaying their authorized organizational patches. It is hoped this information helps you respond to your constituent and, as always, we thank you for your interest and support of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Sincerely,

RODNEY P. REMPT
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy
Superintendent

Enclosure: Copy of VMAQ-2 Patch

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5 U.S.C. §552(b)(5)