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The Honorable Raymond E. Mabus, Jr.
Secretary of the Navy
Department of the Navy
The Pentagon, Room 4E686
Washington, DC 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Mabus,

I appreciate hearing your testimony this morning at the Senate Armed Services Committee, and for your willingness to personally review letters from my constituents about the Navy Junior ROTC program in Parkersburg, West Virginia. I have enclosed additional letters from my constituents expressing their disappointment in the Navy's announcement that the Parkersburg High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit will be disbanded at the end of June 2011.

I understand from a parent of one of the current NJROTC students that 109 students have committed to participating during the next academic year – more than the minimum required to stand up the program. I ask that you give all due consideration, before the June 2011 deadline, to any new opportunities in which the U.S. Navy can assist Parkersburg High School to fulfill NJROTC program directives and remain an active unit.

Sincerely,



Joe Manchin III
United States Senator

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Enclosure