



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
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The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

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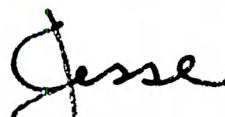
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The Disabled American Veterans forwarded an invitation to you to appear before the July 23 opening session of their national convention in Las Vegas. This invitation is now under consideration by your staff. The DAV is the nation's third largest veterans' service organization -- 1.2 million members -- and is comprised of veterans of each era who are combat-wounded and have other service-related disabilities. This important constituency is very well informed on your policies and achievements and from within its ranks comes some of your strongest support.

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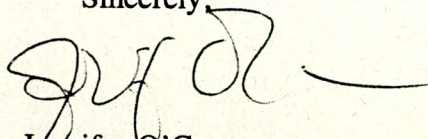
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Dear Secretary Brown:

Thank you for your letter to the President urging him to accept the invitation to address the Disabled American Veterans on July 23. I have forwarded your letter to his office and to the office of his scheduler, Billy Webster. Please let me know if you would like me to follow up further for you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer O'Connor  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Cabinet Affairs

The Honorable Jesse Brown  
Secretary  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Washington D.C. 20420



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MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA

FROM: JENNIFER O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: ATTACHED REQUEST FROM  
SECRETARY JESSE BROWN

Secretary Jesse Brown sent the attached request for the President to address the Disabled American Veterans on July 23 at their annual convention. I have responded to the Secretary that I forwarded his note to the President's office and to his scheduler. We have already submitted a formal scheduling request to Billy Webster for this event. It is certainly one that deserves a high level surrogate if the President cannot attend.

CC: Billy Webster





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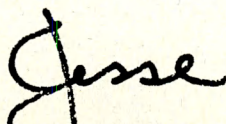
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