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Eli J. Segal
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Dear Mr. Segal:

I am forwarding a letter from my constituent, of Hubert, North Carolina. Mr. Meinhart has concerns in regard to President Clinton's National Service plan. He feels that the plan would negatively effect military recruitment. I hope that you will keep his concerns in mind as President Clinton's plan is formulated.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Charlie Rose". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charlie" being more prominent than the last name "Rose".

Charlie Rose

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March 2, 1993

Honorable Charlie Rose
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Dear Congressman Rose,

Thank you for your February 26th response to my letter regarding recruitment of homosexuals into the military. I am pleased to note that your views coincide with those of all of the active and retired military personnel with whom I have discussed the matter. I shall make your views known to these individuals.

On another matter, that of National Service, let me say that I support the idea. However, it should not be a volunteer activity, but an obligation imposed on ALL youth at age 18. The President's plan is flawed in that it asks only for volunteers -- people looking for college tuition assistance. It will have little attraction for those people who can already afford college tuition, or who will get academic or athletic scholarships. The "volunteers" will be primarily those who are "volunteered" by virtue of their economic condition. Furthermore, consider the impact which such a program will have on military recruitment.

At this time we ask an individual to serve three or four years, during which time he agrees to place his life on the line, in return for an opportunity to make financial contributions toward a post-service college program. The President's plan asks for one year of service, with no financial contribution, in positions no more dangerous than what the person faces in a National Park or inner-city health clinic.

Let me suggest an alternative. Reward those who volunteer for the more arduous and dangerous service -- military life. Let those who serve at home do so for the privilege of living in this great land, and compensate them with a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation at the conclusion of their service. I served as a paratrooper for 31 years in three wars. I have retired from the Army but still serve as a volunteer with the American Red Cross. No one had to offer me anything to get me to volunteer for either the Army or the Red Cross. I am happy to have been able to serve, and I believe that all Americans should enjoy the same opportunity and experience.

Thanks for your attention. I hope we will see eye-to-eye on this matter.

Sincerely,


Harry P. Meinhardt **ELD**
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