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April 2, 2009

The Adjutant General

Honorable Collin Peterson
United States Representative
2211 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Peterson:

I ask for your continued support of the Minnesota National Guard and specifically for the program initiatives that enable us to better complete our federal and state missions while serving the needs of our service members in both the Air and Army National Guard. I and the members of the Minnesota National Guard proudly stand behind these requests and publicly attest to their importance to the Guard and to the communities in which we serve.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon provides a comprehensive approach that ensures service members and their families are prepared for the challenges before, during, and after mobilization. The program requires research and curriculum based upon empirical data. The program uses an inter-agency process to holistically address service member deployments in a cyclic process. This ensures long-term veteran adjustment costs, family conflicts, and employment issues are addressed early reducing societal costs.

As the Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard, an organization with both federal and state missions, I approve these projects and initiatives as vital efforts for our organization. Thank you for your continued support of the Minnesota National Guard and for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry W. Shellito".

Larry W. Shellito
Major General, Minnesota
Army National Guard
The Adjutant General