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The Honorable Duncan L. Hunter  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Title 10, United States Code, Section 6954(h)(1), authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to prescribe annual increases in the midshipmen strength limit by no more than 100 midshipmen, until the strength limit is 4,400. No increase under that section may be prescribed after the 2007-2008 academic year.

As required by 10 U.S.C 694(h)(2), this letter is to advise you that, for the 2004-2005 academic year, the Secretary has prescribed that the U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen strength limit shall be increased by 100 midshipmen, to 4,200.

In keeping with 10 U.S.C 694(h)(3), the amount of the prescribed increase does not exceed the increase for the preceding academic year in the total number of students enrolled in the Navy Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Navas, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

William A. Navas, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary of the Navy  
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

Copy to:  
The Honorable Ike Skelton, Ranking Member