

We wish you the very best this holiday season. May the New Year bring hope, peace, and joy to you and your loved ones.

With best wishes,

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Donald J. Trump



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

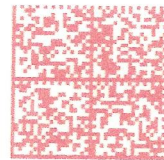
The holidays are a season of compassion and goodwill, offering opportunities to reflect on the traditions and experiences that make our Nation so special. We hope this time brings you joy and inspires you to see the humanity in others.

May the light of the season guide us as we reach for a brighter future. As our family shares warm memories of times spent in the White House, we wish you the very best for the holidays and for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

 Michelle Obama

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WASHINGTON, DC 20500



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We send our warmest wishes for the holiday season. This is a time to be together with family, to continue long-held traditions, and to show our gratitude to those closest to us. And as we gather with loved ones, we remember our extraordinary men and women in uniform who are serving so the rest of us can enjoy the blessings we cherish.

May we all carry forward the spirit of giving that connects us during the holidays, and may it help us become better friends, better neighbors, and better citizens.

Sincerely,

Barack *Mitchell Obama*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20500

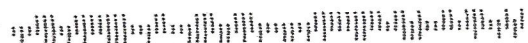
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The holidays are a time to give and share with family and friends, and to rediscover the spirit of charity, compassion, and goodwill. This season, may we also hold those less fortunate in our hearts, give thanks for America's brave men and women serving far from home, and commit to doing our part to lift up our neighbors and communities.

We hope your holiday is filled with love and laughter, and we wish you all the best for a wonderful new year.

Sincerely,

 Michelle Obama

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20500

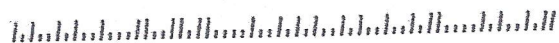
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During this season of blessings and renewal, we have much to be grateful for: the love of family and friends, the bonds of community, and the service of our brave men and women in uniform whose sacrifices protect the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. These gifts surround us, and give us reason to rejoice in all the special moments the holidays bring.

From our family to yours, we wish you all the best for a wonderful new year.

Sincerely,

 Michelle Obama

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, DC 20500

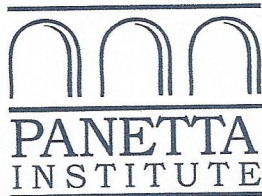
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The Panetta Institute for Public Policy

December 12, 2014

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
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Dear Mr. Bickelmeyer:

We live at a time when there is growing concern about the ability of our democracy to function and thus provide our children a better life.

Last month's congressional elections have left the legislative and executive branches of our government sharply divided along party lines. Major economic, energy and security issues are not being addressed. All of this reminds us again how important it is to have leaders in Washington who can temper their partisan impulses and work with each other to get things done for the good of the country.

It also underlines the importance of the work we do at the Panetta Institute.

For seventeen years, it's been our mission to encourage thoughtful young men and women to go into public service and help them develop the skills they'll need to meet the policy challenges of the future.

These skills include the ability to find areas of agreement between rival factions and to build consensus through listening and negotiation.

We see these skills blossom each year as we bring together student government leaders from twenty-six California universities for our Leadership in Public Service course. These students learn the elements of effective leadership through role-playing exercises and by meeting with local, state and national officials who have shown an exceptional ability to work across party lines.

A spirit of bipartisanship also infuses our Congressional Intern Program, which brings students from those same campuses here to the Institute for an intensive orientation on the workings of Congress and then sends them to Washington for eleven weeks to work in the offices of the California congressional delegation. In their prep work here and in the seminars we provide them in Washington, they hear from policy advocates and experts from both major parties, deepening their understanding of differing points of view.

Likewise, our annual Leon Panetta Lecture Series maintains a bipartisan perspective, typically featuring at each event Republicans and Democrats, who engage in respectful dialogue about a pressing national issue.

And each November we hold a major dinner, our Evening to Honor Lives of Public Service, where we present our Jefferson-Lincoln Award to office holders and journalists who consistently put the good of the country and a healthy respect for the facts ahead of partisan posturing and rancor.

We also honor and encourage the nonpartisan public service of ordinary citizens who donate their time and talents to help our area's children. Since its founding in 1997, the Panetta Institute has spearheaded the

Monterey County Reads Program, recruiting, training and placing thousands of volunteers to work with individual elementary school students who need help with their reading.

In these and many other ways, this Institute is pushing back hard against the trends of blind partisanship and public indifference. And we're making real progress.

Almost every week, it seems, we hear from a former leadership trainee, congressional intern or other Institute program participant whose experience here has opened a door into government service. Newly minted congressional staff members, city or county officials, candidates for elective office – they tell us again and again that they never could have achieved their dream if it hadn't been for the training and encouragement they received at the Panetta Institute.

We're determined to continue to find, inspire and prepare the public servants of tomorrow, opening this opportunity to individuals of all backgrounds and promoting an ethic of patriotism over partisanship.

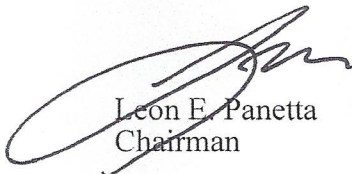
But to do this, we need your help.

In order to reach, train and support the dedicated young people who want to devote their talents to serving their country or community, we're asking you to please give now, as generously as you can, to the Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

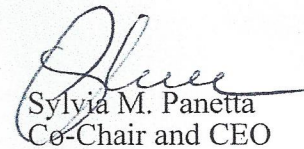
Your tax-deductible donation, in any amount you can afford, will be put to work immediately and efficiently to open the doors to public service for a new generation, fight against partisan gridlock, and help people of all ages become more informed and effective citizens.

With thanks for your support and for all you do to make this a better country ...

Sincerely,

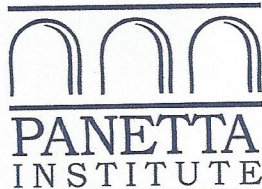


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The Panetta Institute for Public Policy

July 9, 2014

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
12540 Deer Creek Drive, #103
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

Dear Mr. Bickelmeyer:

The Panetta Institute's most recent survey of U.S. college students brings sobering news for all of us who care about the health of our democracy and our country's ability to address major problems – and it strongly underlines the importance of the Institute's mission.

The April study shows students overall turning inward, less focused on international issues, disenchanted with political leaders and generally disengaged from the political process. Although interest in the possibility of running some day for elective office has risen since 2012, interest in service-oriented experiences such as AmeriCorps, VISTA or Teach for America has fallen to an all-time low.

Much of this is understandable, in light of more than a decade of U.S. involvement in costly overseas conflicts and a painfully slow economic recovery. But it also reminds us how important it is to find, inspire and prepare those students who are bucking the trend – who want to embrace public service and take on the public policy challenges of the future.

That's what we do at the Panetta Institute, and we cannot do it without your help.

We need your financial support now in order to continue and expand our efforts which, for seventeen years, have stimulated greater civic involvement by citizens of all ages and broadened the knowledge and skills of tomorrow's leaders.

We can point to countless examples of students in particular whose lives the Institute has touched in decisive ways:

- The Institute's Congressional Intern Program has served as a springboard to a public service career for scores of student participants who otherwise would not have had a chance to step into a substantive role in government or community service. Present-day congressional aides, nonprofit administrators, candidates for office and other aspiring public servants tell us again and again that the Panetta Institute made the critical difference for them – particularly because our program covered the airfare, lodging and living expenses that otherwise would have made their eleven-week stay in Washington unaffordable.
- We hear similarly enthusiastic reports from dozens of former student government officers from across California who have participated over the years in our Education for

Leadership in Public Service course. The intensive, week-long seminar involves these students in direct interaction with a variety of visiting national, state and local leaders and engages them in role-playing exercises designed to improve the leadership and consensus-building skills they will need if they choose a future in public service.

- Our widely acclaimed Leon Panetta Lecture Series, which introduces major policy makers, journalists and political thinkers to adults of all ages on the Monterey Peninsula, also has a special component for young people in the area who might someday seek a role in public life. In addition to addressing the series subscribers, our speakers meet first with students from local high schools, colleges and military installations to answer their questions on the subjects about to be discussed.
- Meanwhile, our Policy Research Fellows Program offers a golden opportunity to a select group of upper-division law students from the area. Working directly with the Institute's teachers and leaders, they gain invaluable experience researching public policy issues of relevance to our various programs.
- And for a much younger group, we have Monterey County Reads. Coordinated by the Institute since 1997, this highly successful program recruits hundreds of reading assistance volunteers and deploys them to the county's elementary schools, where they work one-to-one with children in the early grades who are having trouble with their reading – greatly improving their chances of growing up to be successful, active participants in our democracy.

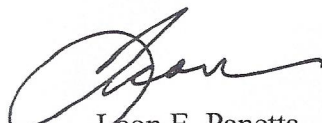
In these and many other ways, the Panetta Institute is making real, observable progress against the headwinds of political disengagement and indifference.

But we need your assistance to continue this effort – to keep inspiring greater civic involvement and providing the mentors, real-world experiences and hands-on training that can help tomorrow's leaders be prepared for the challenges they will face.


To help us reach the students and others who want to devote their talents to serving the public or simply be better citizens, please give now, as generously as you can, to the Panetta Institute for Public Policy. Your donation is tax deductible and will be put to immediate, efficient and effective use.

With thanks for any amount you may be able to give ...

Sincerely,


Leon E. Panetta
Chairman

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*Ms. Beebe Image
Thank you support
our wonderful
Programs.*



The Panetta Institute for Public Policy

December 9, 2013

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
6903 York Road, #212
Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

Dear Mr. Bickelmeyer:

In this season of hope and renewal, I'm turning to you for your help in improving the prospects for a renewed sense of public service and common purpose in our country.

The partisan rancor and division so blatantly on display today in Washington has led many Americans to lose trust in the ability of elected leaders to govern in our democratic process.

But here at the Panetta Institute, we believe that a new generation of leaders can restore hope in our democracy. We continue to inspire young people to lives of public service and help them develop the skills they'll need to govern and meet the difficult public policy challenges of the future.

And we continue to reach out to others in our community with programs that inform the public about important national issues, improve the reading skills of school children, and encourage public servants in both major parties to work with their colleagues across the aisle to solve our country's problems.

I'm writing today because we need your personal support to carry on this vital work. None of the Institute's many accomplishments over the past eighteen years would have been possible without the financial generosity of friends like you.

Our accomplishments cover a wide range of programs designed to help people become more informed and capable participants in our democracy.

- Again this year, students from twenty-four California universities took part in the Institute's Congressional Intern Program. Each of them spent two and a half months in the Washington office of a member of the California congressional delegation, while also attending briefing sessions with other top officials, journalists, scholars and public policy advocates. Before going to Washington, they received two weeks of intensive training and orientation here at the Institute, with our chairman, former secretary of defense Leon Panetta, serving as one of their instructors.
- In June, student government leaders from those same schools gathered at the Institute for our highly acclaimed Education for Leadership in Public Service course. The one-week seminar

involves the students in direct interaction with a variety of visiting national, state and local leaders and engages them in role-playing exercises designed to improve their leadership and consensus-building skills. Instructors this year included a major general in the U.S. Marine Corps, a former California secretary of state, a former head coach in the National Football League and, again, Secretary Panetta.

- With Secretary Panetta back in the moderator chair, this year's Leon Panetta Lecture Series addressed the theme "Gridlock or Action," with major public figures exploring the issues of immigration reform, the federal budget stalemate, gun control, and the chances for democratic reform in the Middle East. Our speakers, including former Homeland Security secretary Tom Ridge, former Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak, and former senators Richard Lugar and Joe Lieberman, among others, also met with students from area high schools, colleges and military installations to answer their questions.
- The Institute continues to spearhead Monterey Country Reads, the highly successful reading assistance program for children in grades one through three. The program deployed 115 reading assistance volunteers to the county's schools in the fall semester alone and received awards this year for exceptional public service from the Monterey County School Boards Association, the Monterey County Unified School District's Board of Education, and the California Teachers Association and Central Coast Counties Service Council.
- At our annual Evening to Honor Lives of Public Service last month, the Institute honored Senators Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) for their willingness to work across party lines for the good of the country, and also presented our Jefferson-Lincoln Award to longtime CBS News correspondent Bob Schieffer for his dedication to fair and unbiased political reporting.

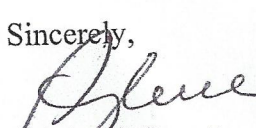
These and other ongoing Institute efforts exemplify our commitment to informing the public, promoting bipartisan cooperation, and motivating citizens to get involved in the important work of self-government. But to continue these efforts, we also need a commitment from you.

I'm asking you to please give now, as generously as you can, to the Panetta Institute for Public Policy.

Your tax-deductible donation, in any amount you can afford, will be put to work immediately and efficiently to open the doors to public service for a new generation of Californians and help people of all ages to become more informed and effective citizens.

With thanks for all your support and encouragement ...

Sincerely,


Sylvia M. Panetta
Co-Chair and CEO

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December 2, 2013

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
12540 Deercreek Drive
Apt 103
North Royalton, OH 44133

Dear Mr. Bickelmeyer:

Enclosed you will find the necessary materials for filing a Senate Public Financial Disclosure Report in accordance with the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, as amended, because of your candidacy for election to the Senate. The following candidates are required to file a report:

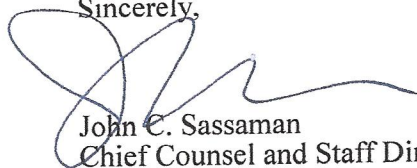
- Candidates who seek nomination for election or election to the Senate, and have received contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000, or have given consent to another to receive contributions on his or her behalf aggregating in excess of \$5,000;
- Candidates who seek nomination for election or election to the Senate, and have made expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000, or have given consent to another to make expenditures on his or her behalf aggregating in excess of \$5,000.

The statute requires that you file within 30 days of becoming a candidate, as described above, or by May 15 of the calendar year in which you become a candidate, whichever is later. Additionally, you must file on or before May 15 of each successive year during which you continue to be a candidate. However, you must file no later than 30 days prior to any election, primary, or convention in which you are a candidate. If you have reached the filing threshold, as described above, your 30 day period ends December 28, 2013; if you have not reached the filing threshold or if you intend to file on or before May 15 (if that option is applicable), please notify the Committee in writing. A candidate who is a Member of Congress is not required to file a candidate report, since Members of Congress file annual reports. If you are a Member of Congress, please notify the Committee.

Under the law, a \$200 penalty will be assessed when a report is filed more than 30 days after the due date. Please notify the Committee if you have not reached the filing threshold so we may accurately determine the due date for your form. Limited extensions may be granted if requested in a timely manner. Your form must be filed with the Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

If you have any questions about your filing requirements, please contact the Committee at (202) 224-2981.

Sincerely,



John C. Sassaman
Chief Counsel and Staff Director



Shelby County Sheriff's Office

Bill Oldham, Sheriff

October 21, 2013

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
12540 Deer Creek Drive Apt. 103
North Royalton, OH 44133

Dear Mr. Bickelmeyer,

Enclosed please find your letter from Concord Law School. Your envelope was addressed to Sheriff Bill Oldham. I believe this was sent to his attention in error.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy Moore".

Lucy Moore
Executive Assistant to Sheriff Bill Oldham
201 Poplar Ave.,
Memphis, TN 38103
Phone #: 901.222.5560
Lucy.Moore@shelby-sheriff.org

Bill Oldham, Sheriff
Shelby County Sheriff's Office

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GEORGE W. BUSH



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September 19, 2013

Dear Friend:

Thank you for the well-wishes. I appreciate your thinking of me.

My recovery has been accelerated by a great medical team -- and by prayers and encouragement from family, friends, and fellow citizens.

Thanks again. Laura and I send our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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George W. Bush



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May 23, 2013

Michael -

I appreciate you forwarding
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we can not accept any
forms of gifts.

You certainly earned this,
so please take it as a
sincere appreciation of
your efforts.

Respectfully -
The Secret Service.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 2013

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
Parma Heights, Ohio

Dear Michael:

Thank you for your thoughtful words. The messages I receive from Americans like you remind me of what is best about our country. I am more determined and inspired than ever about the work before us and the future that lies ahead for our Nation.

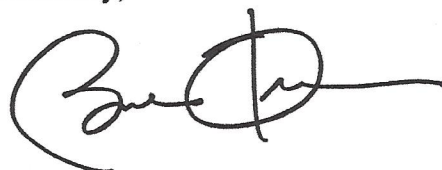
The American people are looking for cooperation, consensus, and common sense in our Government, and they have shown they want action. I intend to deliver that in the months and years ahead. From putting Americans back to work to expanding access to medical care, my Administration will continue to do what is right to move our Nation forward. We have enacted the most comprehensive financial reforms in decades, rescued and helped retool our auto industry, expanded student aid to millions of young people, helped level the playing field for working women, and made the largest investment in clean energy in our history. Because of the courageous acts of our service members, we have been able to end the war in Iraq and take down Osama bin Laden. We have also made historic commitments to provide for our troops as they return home.

Securing our country's future will take time, but I will not stop working to rebuild the kind of America where everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same rules. I remain committed to working with leaders of both parties to meet the challenges we can only solve together.

Despite all our differences, we are one American family, and our country is at its best when we accept our obligations to one another and to future generations. While we have faced great hardship, we know that for the United States of America, the best is yet to come.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to write. I encourage you to explore www.WhiteHouse.gov to learn more about how we are moving America forward. To find ways to get involved with my Administration, please visit www.WhiteHouse.gov/Engage.

Sincerely,



From: d1a9v7i4dhp <d1a9v7i4dhp@gmail.com>
To: _____
Sent: Monday, December 31, 2012 9:52 AM
Subject: Thank you

Thanks for your Christmas card, Michael. And thanks for your best wishes for the New Year.

In turn, my wife joins me in sending best wishes to you and yours for a happy, healthy, and productive 2013.

Thanks again -- Dave Petraeus

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From: Michael Bickelmeyer : _____
To: d1a9v7i4dhp <d1a9v7i4dhp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 31, 2012 10:17 AM
Subject: Re: Thank you

God Bless You & Your Family General

Michael Bickelmeyer

Dear General,

I spoke with the CIA Public Affairs Office today about obtaining your forwarding business address for the purpose of sending you yearly Christmas cards, and the projects of Bugger & Hund Inc. It was recommended to me that I should request this information from you via email. It was also recommended that I communicate with you further by email. Can you help me, Sir?

Michael Bickelmeyer
Tel: 216-376-7743

From: d1a9v7i4dhp <d1a9v7i4dhp@gmail.com>
To: Michael Bickelmeyer
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2013 6:07 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Thank you

Sure, Michael. Address is P.O. Box 7184, Arlington, VA. 22207

On Jan 3, 2013 6:03 PM, "Michael Bickelmeyer" <_____
wrote:

Dear General,

What do you think about this roll-out for The DOD? Chris Cohenour with Personnel Security/DFAS Indiana told me over the phone that it is promising.

Sincerely,

Michael Bickelmeyer

Tel: 216-376-7743

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From: Michael Bickelmeyer
To: d1a9v7i4dhp <d1a9v7i4dhp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 3, 2013 7:00 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Thank you



OFFICE OF GEORGE W. BUSH

July 6, 2010

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
6903 York Road
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Parma Heights, Ohio 44130-4554

Dear Mr. Bickelmeyer:

On behalf of President George W. Bush, thank you for your correspondence. President Bush appreciates your taking the time to write.

Our office cannot accept nor forward the money you sent. Accordingly, we are returning your enclosure.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding in this matter. Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Freddy Ford



GEORGE W. BUSH

Dear Friend:

Thank you for your generous support of the George W. Bush Presidential Center. Laura and I were thrilled to unveil the new building and present it to the American people. We are enclosing a small gift commemorating the Dedication of the Bush Center to show our appreciation for what you have helped us achieve.

The Bush Institute is already making an impact in the areas of global health, economic growth, human freedom, and education reform. We are also empowering women to transform their countries and honoring the brave men and women who have served in our Nation's military.

Laura and I hope you will visit the Center and witness firsthand the work you are helping make possible. Thank you again, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", written in a cursive style.

George W. Bush



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 24, 2008

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
4701 Broadview Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44109-4660

Dear Michael:

Thank you for your thoughtful greetings during the holiday season. This hopeful time of year is a chance to celebrate with friends and loved ones and give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Laura and I hope the coming year brings joy and peace to you and your family.

We send our best wishes for a happy and healthy 2008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", written over the printed name "George W. Bush".

George W. Bush



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

New Year's Day, 2008

As we enter this New Year, we reflect on the past and look forward to a promising year ahead.

A future of hope and opportunity begins with a robust economy. Thanks to America's workers and entrepreneurs, our economy grew at a vigorous rate last year. Keeping taxes low and exercising fiscal restraint helped ensure that the number of jobs increased and the deficit once again fell ahead of schedule. The underpinnings of our economy have proven strong, competitive, and resilient enough to overcome the challenges we face. In the coming year, we will continue to encourage growth in the economy so Americans have more money to invest in their businesses, spend on their families, and put aside for the future.

In addition to our efforts here at home, the United States continued its work to spread freedom and peace around the world. America is determined to defeat terrorists and extremists, and we will remain on the offensive against the enemies of freedom. In 2008, we will continue to stand beside our partners in the international community to lay a foundation of peace for our children and grandchildren.

America is grateful for the service and sacrifice of our Nation's troops and their families. During this hopeful time of year, we remain mindful of the courage and resolve of the fine men and women who protect our country and defend freedom's cause.

As we welcome this New Year, we move forward with trust in the power of the American spirit, confidence in our purpose, and faith in a loving God who created us to be free.

Laura and I send our best wishes for a happy New Year. May God bless you, may God bless our troops and their families, and may God bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 2007

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
4024 Memphis Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44109-3277

Dear Michael:

Thank you for thinking of Laura and me as you celebrate the holidays. This festive season is a time for happy reunions with family and friends and for giving thanks for our blessings. We hope you and your loved ones find joy and peace in the coming year.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2007.

Sincerely,

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George W. Bush



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

New Year's Day, 2007

Over the past year, we have reached important goals and confronted new challenges. At the start of this New Year, we move forward with trust in the power of the American spirit, confidence in our purpose, and faith in a loving God who created us to be free.

In 2006, the number of jobs steadily increased, wages grew, the unemployment rate dropped, and we achieved our goal of cutting the deficit in half three years ahead of schedule. Thanks to the hard work and innovation of the American people, our economy has been growing faster than any other major developed nation. Significant tax relief has helped our citizens keep more of what they earn and fuel an economy that is vigorous and healthy. My Administration will continue to work to help create more jobs, reduce the deficit, and spread prosperity to all our citizens.

Last year, America continued its mission to fight and win the war on terror and promote liberty as an alternative to tyranny and despair. In the New Year, we will remain on the offensive against the enemies of freedom, advance the security of our country, and work toward a free and unified Iraq. Defeating terrorists and extremists is the challenge of our time, and we will answer history's call with confidence and fight for liberty without wavering.

Our Nation depends on the fine men and women in uniform who serve our country with valor and distinction, and we remain mindful of their dedication and sacrifice. America's troops and their families exemplify the great character of our country, and they have earned the respect and admiration of a grateful Nation.

As we celebrate the New Year, we look with hope to the year ahead and the opportunities it will bring.

Laura and I send our best wishes for a happy New Year. May God bless you, may God bless our troops and their families, and may God bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

Washington, D.C.
May 26, 2006

Mr. Michael Bickelmeyer
9934 Pleasant Lake Boulevard, T-413
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Dear Mr. Bickelmeyer:

This letter is to advise you of the action taken on your application for the position as a Special Agent with the United States Secret Service.

The Secret Service recruits Special Agents at the GS-5 and GS-7 grade levels. To qualify at the GS-5 level, you must have: (1) a four-year degree from an accredited college or university; (2) three years of work experience in the criminal investigative or law enforcement fields that required knowledge and application of laws relating to criminal violations; or (3) an equivalent combination of education and experience. In addition, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years of age, but less than 37 years of age at the time of appointment to a Special Agent position, and have distant vision no worse than 20/60, correctable to 20/20.

These entry requirements were established by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

I regret to inform you that a careful review of your application does not indicate that you meet the basic entry requirements.

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Secret Service.

Sincerely,

Nilda T. Walker

Chief, Special Agent and
Uniformed Division Support Branch