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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
Larry P. Arnn

The Honorable Pete Hegseth
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for including Hillsdale College among the institutions qualified to educate America's military leaders through the Senior Service College Fellowship Program. I admire your mission to equip our military with the lethality necessary to protect our national interest, while providing them with an education that instills a deep knowledge and love for the principles of the Founding.

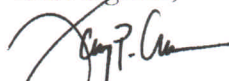
The College has been committed to providing an education that preserves "civil and religious liberty and intelligent piety" in America for more than 180 years now. Every student at the College takes a course on the U.S. Constitution. And we have graduate programs in politics in both Hillsdale and Washington, D.C. that teach American constitutionalism, statesmanship, and the political philosophy of the West.

I also have experience teaching senior military leaders at the Army War College, where I had the privilege of serving on the Board for two years. It was a joy to study and learn with the officers in the program. The very best course I witnessed examined the history of warfare from Herodotus to Gettysburg. The classes were electric as the officers wrestled with the enduring questions surrounding statesmanship, duty, and the national interest.

We would be honored to provide that type of education through your program. We have nothing to gain financially in this effort. Hillsdale College refuses all government money to preserve its independence and guard against the anti-American ideologies that you have noticed infecting so many of our colleges and universities. Whatever we do in this program will be funded through private sources.

Please let us know how we might help in this effort. I am in D.C. often and available for conversation. We would be honored to serve in any way we can. Thank you for your confidence.

Best regards,



Larry P. Arnn
President

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