

on this matter and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.

Hon. MIKE ROGERS,  
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. I agree that the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.

Hon. HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I write concerning H.R. 4310, the "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013." I wanted to notify you that the Committee on Energy and Commerce will forgo action on H.R. 4310 so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House floor for consideration.

This is done with the understanding that the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving any of its jurisdiction on this or similar legislation. In addition, the Committee reserves the right to seek conferees on H.R. 4310 and requests your support when such a request is made.

I would appreciate your response confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 4310 and ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during consideration of the bill on the House floor.

Sincerely,

FRED UPTON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.

Hon. FRED UPTON,  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. I agree that the Committee on Energy and Commerce has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Energy and Commerce is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS,  
Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: I am writing to you concerning the bill H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within Rule X (q) of the Committee on Small Business.

In the interest of permitting the Committee on Armed Services to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive the right of the Committee on Small Business to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill the Committee on Small Business does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X (q) jurisdiction, including future bills that the Committee on Armed Services will consider. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this Committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 4310 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have worked regarding this issue and others between our respective committees.

Sincerely,

SAM GRAVES,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.

Hon. SAM GRAVES,  
Chairman, Committee on Small Business, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. I agree that the Committee on Small Business has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on Small Business is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
Washington, DC, May 11, 2012.

Hon. BUCK MCKEON,  
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MCKEON: On May 10, 2012, the Committee on Armed Services ordered H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, as amended, to be reported to the House. As a result of your having consulted with the Judiciary Committee concerning provisions of the bill that fall within our Rule X jurisdiction, and having made amendments to the bill in consideration thereof, I am able to agree to discharging our committee from further consideration of the bill so that it may proceed expeditiously to the House Floor.

The Judiciary Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that, by foregoing consideration of H.R. 4310, as amended, at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction

over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation, and that our committee will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that we may address any remaining issues that fall within our Rule X jurisdiction. Our committee also reserves the right to seek appointment of an appropriate number of conferees to any House-Senate conference involving this or similar legislation, and requests your support for any such request.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 4310, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in your committee's report on H.R. 4310 and/or in the Congressional Record during floor consideration thereof.

Sincerely,

LAMAR SMITH,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, May 11, 2012.

Hon. LAMAR SMITH,  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your letter regarding H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. I agree that the Committee on the Judiciary has valid jurisdictional claims to certain provisions in this important legislation, and I am most appreciative of your decision not to request a referral in the interest of expediting consideration of the bill. I agree that by foregoing a sequential referral, the Committee on the Judiciary is not waiving its jurisdiction. Further, this exchange of letters will be included in the committee report on the bill.

Sincerely,

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,  
Chairman.

KENDRA IRVINE-JOHNSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 18, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kendra Irvine-Johnson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kendra Irvine-Johnson is a 12th grader at Pomona High and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kendra Irvine-Johnson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kendra Irvine-Johnson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING DR. JAMES DEEGAN  
FOR HIS 28 YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO ECKERD COLLEGE

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 18, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. James Deegan, the Vice President and Dean of Special Programs at Eckerd College, upon his retirement after 28 years of service to the college's students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Deegan is a nationally recognized advocate and expert in the field of lifelong learning and was an architect in developing a unique program called Eckerd College's Senior College. Now known as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Eckerd College, the program has provided a series of noncredit, continuing education courses for our local residents. Senior College was the third program at Eckerd targeted toward retirees, but each offers something different. Elderhostel is marketed nationally and provides short-term residential learning programs for people from all over the country. The Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College (ASPEC)—started in the early 1980s and incorporated into Special Programs in 2002—offers the intense connections of a close, almost familial, membership group that meets together regularly. ASPEC members are also more integrated into Eckerd's residential program, working with faculty, hosting a freshman picnic, mentoring African American students, and sponsoring lectures for the community. Senior College, in contrast, offers classes, tours, and discussion groups for local residents who come and go according to their interests and schedules. They tend to be younger retirees who want to meet a wide range of people and be more active.

Upon arriving at Eckerd College in June 1984 as the third Dean of Special Programs, Jim has told me that he was immediately impressed with the variety of programs that took seriously the concept of lifelong learning, with programs for young children through retirees. Under Jim's direction, Eckerd's Special Programs now stand out nationally.

Among the other programs developed under Jim's direction is the Leadership Development Institute, which was established in 1980. Its original offering was the intensive, five-day Leadership Development Program in affiliation with the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, North Carolina. This leadership course is offered worldwide by CCL and has probably been attended by more people than any other leadership program.

Special Programs expanded under Jim's leadership with the creation of the Center for Conflict Dynamics. The idea grew out of a request from the Center for Creative Leadership for an original assessment instrument on conflict. Special Programs met the request by contracting with some of Eckerd's psychology faculty to develop the Conflict Development Profile. The successful tool solidified the college's relationship with the Center for Creative Leadership and became the foundation for an expanding range of services for corporations and government agencies seeking to improve their "conflict competence." The Profile has since been translated into multiple languages and is sold worldwide, and the Center for Con-

flict Dynamics is now working with clients in Germany, Brazil, and China.

The Leadership Development Institute has also expanded its services during Jim's tenure. In addition to the core Leadership Development Program, the institute has added other CCL-affiliated courses, developed original open-enrollment courses, and added customized leadership training taught on-site at companies. Since 1980, LDI has taught more than 450 5-day Leadership Development courses to more than 7,500 students and served another 3,000 students in other courses.

Mr. Speaker, it is a true honor to salute Jim Deegan's contributions to Eckerd College and our community over the past 28 years. Under his stewardship, Eckerd is one of the few undergraduate institutions of its size to have a continuing education program the size of Special Programs. It has generated significant revenue for the college and it has transformed lives—from the graduates who never thought they'd earn a diploma to retirees who needed a sense of belonging, from international students finding their way in a new country to countless Eckerd employees who learned to believe in themselves. I would ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Dr. James Deegan for a job well done and in wishing him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF  
AMERICA'S VETERANS ON THE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
VIETNAM WAR

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 18, 2012*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th Anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War. It is with a profound sense of gratitude that I honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's Vietnam veterans; the commitment and determination of our Armed Forces in the battle for freedom; the unique contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the war; and the crucial contributions made by our allies to stem the spread of tyranny.

By the time John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960, the United States and the Soviet Union had already been locked in a bitter ideological, political and military struggle for more than a decade over the essential question of whether human beings are truly endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Soviet aggression had already spread across Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East; and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev had famously declared to the West, "We will bury you." In his inaugural address, President Kennedy pledged to "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, and oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and success of liberty." It was in that spirit, in 1962, that the President sent U.S. military advisors to assist the people of South Vietnam to resist the aggression of the communist forces of the North.

Over the course of the next 13 years, more than two-and-a-half million American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guards-

men would serve in Vietnam. Allied nations such as South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, and Thailand all contributed forces and materiel to the effort as well. U.S. forces sent to Vietnam were the most educated of all of America's previously deployed military forces. Nearly eighty percent had a high school degree or better when they entered military service. The average infantryman in Vietnam saw about 240 days of combat in one year due to the enhanced mobility made possible by the helicopter. By way of comparison, the average infantryman in the South Pacific during World War II saw about 40 days of combat in four years. Of those who served in Vietnam, over 150,000 were wounded, more than 2,500 would become prisoners of war and over 58,000 would make the ultimate sacrifice for defense of freedom and service to our nation.

On the home front, Americans were, for the first time, able to tune in on their televisions and see the war in living color. This technology allowed newscasters such as Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite to bring daily updates on the war to the American public in their own living rooms. The war became the inspiration for popular music, movies, and novels. America's experience in Vietnam led to the replacement of the military draft with an all-volunteer force, the reduction of the voting age to 18, and the passage of the War Powers Act. Americans developed a more pragmatic view of their relationship with the government, and the war renewed in many Americans a belief in the necessity of active involvement in the political process. In 1962, no one could possibly have predicted the profound cultural impact the war would have on generations of Americans; but Vietnam's lasting legacy on the American psyche cannot be denied.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is my honor to recognize the service and sacrifice of those Americans who served in our nation's Armed Forces during the Vietnam War. Their dedication to duty, their service to country, and their enormous contribution to halting the spread of tyranny around the world bear testament to the strength of the American spirit. My wife Vicki joins me in saluting our nation's Vietnam War veterans, and we wish them all the best.

IN OPPOSITION TO H.R. 5326 "COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013"

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 18, 2012*

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 5326, which makes appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. Although the bill provides adequate funding levels for many programs that I support, they are far outweighed by the unpalatable provisions in the bill. That is why I will vote no on final passage.

Let me list some of the more objectionable provisions of this bill.