

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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General Joseph L. Lengyel
National Guard Bureau
111 S. George Mason Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22204

Dear General Lengyel,

I write in support of the West Virginia National Guard's proposal to open a second Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy in Montgomery, West Virginia.

Since it began, the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy has been an invaluable program, providing the at-risk youth of West Virginia the opportunity to finish their basic education and gain the skills necessary to become contributing members in the state's communities. Due to the results produced by the Academy, the demand to join this program has been great because of the doors that it opens for those who have participated. The creation of the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy in Montgomery would help meet the increasing demand, especially in the underserved areas of southern West Virginia.

I strongly support the expansion of the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy in West Virginia because of the positive impact that it has on the at-risk youth of the state.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my views on this worthy proposal.

Sincerely,



Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senator