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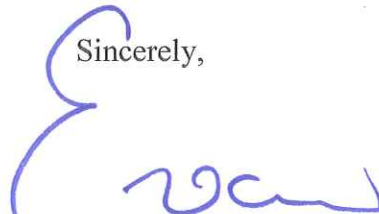
Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 80<sup>th</sup> American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program.

Boys State provides young people like you with the opportunity to learn what it takes to become part of our state's next generation of leaders. You all have been selected to be here because you have earned the admiration and respect of your peers and excel in your studies. Through this program, you will be exposed to how our federal government works and taught how to make tough decisions that affect millions of people on a daily basis. But most of all, you will learn how to be a good citizen and how to better serve your country. Fewer things are more important than being a good steward to the virtues of our Constitution, and Boys State will help you learn about how the Founding Fathers created our system of government to serve all Americans for the betterment of our people.

I sincerely hope you enjoy your time this week at Mountaineer Boys State and take this opportunity to shine as a great leader and a great West Virginian. I look forward to seeing what great things you all achieve in the future.

Sincerely,



Evan Jenkins  
Member of Congress

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