



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to welcome you to the 85th Annual American Legion Mountaineer Boys State! I am proud of each of you for choosing to dedicate a week to learn more about the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of an American citizen.

This academy was created with the purpose of teaching good government through participation. There is no better way to learn and gain understanding than through first-hand experience. This week, you will each take courses learning the operation of government and the political process as you take on the role of elected officials. This is an extraordinary opportunity that will prepare you to become part of our next generation of leaders. I join with your friends and family in saying how proud we all are of your hard work that has brought you here today. The skills, tools, and knowledge you have gained through your education will serve you well this week.

I wish you all a wonderful and productive time here at Mountaineer Boys State! I encourage you to learn all that you can through this experience so that you may carry these lessons with you wherever the future takes you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol D. Miller".

Carol D. Miller
Member of Congress