

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4803

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 82nd annual American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. This is truly an exciting accomplishment. I regret that I am unable to join you, but I am so excited that each of you here has chosen to dedicate a week to learning more about the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities.

I join your family and friends 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 as you embark on your careers. This amazing academy was created with the purpose of teaching good government through participation. There is no better way to learn and understand than through experience. You will each take courses learning the operation of government and the political process. This is such an extraordinary opportunity for you all. Through this camp, you are given the chance to explore a field that will be in great demand now and in the years to come.

Should you choose to pursue a career in this field, you will have many opportunities as well as the chance to give back to your nation. I encourage you to continue this journey of learning in every way that you can.

I wish you all a wonderful and productive week. Good luck.

Sincerely,



Carol D. Miller
Member of Congress