

(U) To whom it may concern,

(U) Howdy, I am writing this letter in absolute faith and confidence that this will fall into the right hands. I would like to take the opportunity that I have here during my internship in DC to shed some light on my best friend **Noah Deahl (DoB: 06/16/1999)**.

(U) Deahl has just recently graduated this past Spring from Texas A&M University after participating four years in the Texas A&M Corp of Cadets and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) under the HSSP Type 7. Deahl graduated with a Bachelors in Mathematics and Military Studies Minor (3.67 GPA); However, his main focus was solely on obtaining a pilot slot.

(U) Through Deahl's ambitions, he *successfully* obtained a Pilot slot and was afforded the privilege to travel to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio in mid April for his Flight physical. Deahl performed well through his physical exam until the eye-exam where the medical professional disqualified him due to what is specifically called 'optic nerve drusen'. Despite the unfortunate discovery, Deahl was not deterred as his goal was always to be operating within the Air Force.

(U) Deahl did receive a second opinion from a certified Ophthalmologist (Eric Dai, M.D.) which suggests that the diagnosis is benign; However, the reason for me composing this letter is not to debate the diagnosis.

(U) Deahl was initially reassigned to Aircraft Maintenance. Even after, Deahl was extremely ecstatic simply because he knew he would still be helping support the mission of the USAF. Deahl was told he would commission on 14 May with his classmates. The ROTC staff even allowed his grandfather, a retired USAF officer, to commission Deahl.

(U) Unfortunately, directly after the commissioning ceremony, Deahl was told that he did not actually commission because his medical package had not yet returned. The next week, Deahl was informed that he is *completely* disqualified from all positions in the Air Force (both as a pilot and general officer) due to the medical diagnosis he received while at Wright-Patterson Air Force base. Deahl is now stranded from his career that he has worked tirelessly for four years. If Deahl never sought a pilot slot and instead intended to enter the USAF as a general officer, he would have never even been aware of such an eye condition and would serve the Air Force without issue.

(U) I would like to take the time to attest to Deahl's utmost integrity, diligence, leadership and respect with any person or situation he encounters. Out of the many people I have seen throughout my life, Deahl shines through. Even through this hardship Deahl is currently facing, he remains steadfast and content with the plans God has his way. I would not take the risk of potentially embarrassing myself or the USG as a whole if I did not fully believe in the qualities and value that Deahl would add to the United States Air Force. As a life-long friend, I can not

stress Deahl's grit, compassion, integrity, and eagerness to serve the United States Government enough.

(U) I, with all my gratitude and appreciation for whoever is reading this, urge you to please look into Deahl's situation for a further evaluation. Deahl is virtually stranded on a career level. He is currently still in College Station, Texas working two full-time jobs as he attempts to figure out his options. I realize that time is so valuable, especially in DC, and surely anyone that reads this is sure to be extremely busy with their work and responsibilities; However, I would like to thank you so much for the time and consideration into a matter that could easily determine the future of Deahl's life.

Sincerely,  
Josh S.



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