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I have always regarded myself as a proud American and Alabamian. I hold the utmost respect for those who protect and defend our nation and state, and feel I have a calling to assist those men and women. I have always had a deep desire to serve, and to be frank my family has discouraged me from doing that very thing. My many years of working in the civilian world and college experience have matured me, so I hope that I can offer my skills and efforts in serving our nation and state. I have decided that this would not only give me a chance to serve, but it would provide my family with outstanding benefits and opportunities. 

Many years of sports, mentoring, and business experience have developed me into an exceptional leader, and I have experience mentoring and guiding groups of people. I believe that this passion would make me an excellent candidate for an officer in the Alabama National Guard. I am a very versatile and adaptable person. My coach, mentor, and peers would describe me as a very hard-working individual and complete tasks in a timely manner. I have a great ability to pick up knowledge and skills in a quick and proficient manner. I believe that whatever assignment I receive I can meet it with great effort, diligence, and knowledge.

I plan on making a career out of the army and still pursue and run my own business in next few years. The leadership training, roles, and responsibility I hope to assume in the Alabama National Guard will better prepare me for my role in my civilian and military career. It’s my belief that these two occupations will complement each other nicely, and the training in one could be very useful in the other.

Concerning OCS, I would like to pursue the traditional eighteen-month route. I do have a true desire to serve the United States of America and the State of Alabama. However, I also have a desire to become an entrepreneur and professional athlete. I believe that this option would provide me with the best opportunity to accomplish all my objectives.

Sincerely

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