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Senator Mark Udall
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Washington, DC 20510

Re: Nomination of Daniel Michael D'Aquila, Jr.

Dear Senator Udall:

We are asking for your support and consideration in granting the nomination of Daniel Michael D'Aquila Jr. to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado or the United State Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Daniel epitomizes the necessary attributes of a successful Academy Cadet from nomination to graduation. He has demonstrated strong academic capabilities by earning a GPA of 3.9 based on a 4.0 grading scale. Math courses are his favorite and he has excelled in them during his high school years, achieving A's in Algebra, Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry. He is registered for Advance Placement Calculus for his senior year of high school. As a result of his high scores and leadership qualities, Daniel is a member of the National Honor Society.

Daniel's leadership abilities are reflected in his selection and attendance at Boys State; the recipient of the Character –Leadership Award from the Air Force Academy hockey camp in 2011; and as the captain of the Boys' Cross Country team his junior year in High School.

When describing Daniel, a strong work ethic and a physically fit young man, come to mind. He demonstrates those traits in his everyday lifestyle. He has been or is currently a member of the Crested Butte Hockey Program; the Crested Butte School Cross-Country Team; junior Fire Fighters' Program and the Crested Butte Youth Council.

Daniel has a strong family bond and he shows great respect toward his parents and his two older siblings and his two younger siblings. From the time he was a young boy he has worked side by side on strenuous projects with his entrepreneur father. He is blessed to live in and be a part of such a strong family setting.

For the past two years Daniel has been determined and passionate to work toward a nomination to one of the Military Academies.

We enthusiastically recommend and support Daniel Michael D'Aquila, Jr. to be a recipient of a nomination to one of the United States Military Academies. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of Daniel Michael D'Aquila, Jr. as a nominee to attend one of the United States Military Academies.

Sincerely,

William Buck, Mayor
Town of Mt. Crested Butte

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