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To Superintendent and School Board
Superintendent Jerry Dean Weast
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Superintendent Jerry Dean Weast and Board,

Section 9528 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires schools to release our family's private information to military recruiters unless we "opt out" in writing.

___As a parent, I am exercising the right to request that you do not turn over the name, address, telephone listing and school records to the Armed Services, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools of the following student.

___As a student of the age of majority, I request my own name, address, telephone number and school records not be released to the Armed Forces, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

Student Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Having defended my own family, I believe other families deserve protection as well. I object to releasing a family's private information to military recruiters without explicit written permission. This is an important student and family privacy issue, and I urge you to support a change in current law providing for an "opt in" policy where interested students and families can instead choose to request contact from military recruiters.

I urge you to do everything in your power to educate students and parents of their rights under Section 9528 (as it currently stands), and to make the process of opting out as straightforward as possible. Here are examples of district procedures I think exemplify the best practices in notification and opt out:

1. Publicize Opt Out policy at staff & family orientations, in publications, and on the school district's Web site
2. Attach Opt Out form to the school's required emergency information form, or print the Opt Out form as a standalone form, and require its return as part of student registration
3. Translate the Opt Out form into multiple languages, as appropriate for our school community.

Sincerely,
Signature _____ Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____
