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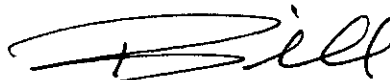
Dear Bud:

I have received a number of letters over the past couple of weeks from Midshipmen and Alumni concerned that the Navy Debate Team is in danger of extinction. The team's funding has been cut back considerably and there is a genuine anxiety that the team could be phased out. This anxiety seems, in part, to be based on rumor, as there is no clear information on future funding commitments.

I am writing to Admiral Larsen in support of the team. I thought you should know about these concerns. Do you have any ideas about what else we could do to help keep Navy debate strong and flourishing? I will speak to the Superintendent and the team coach, Professor Philip Warken, during ~~the~~ Reunion about this subject.

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Very best wishes,

Sincerely,



William J. Crowe
Ambassador

P.S. I feel strongly about keeping the program healthy - perhaps we could pool our effort if you agree.