

Sample Draft Letter Notifying Congress of Sec 1130 Army MOH Nomination  
(Will be on Applicable Military Department Secretary Letterhead)

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to a request from Representative (Senator) \_\_\_\_\_ for award of the Medal of Honor to \_\_\_\_\_ (insert rank and full name of MOH nominee) under the provisions of title 10 United States Code (U.S.C.), §1130, *Consideration of proposals for decorations not previously submitted in timely fashion*.

I reviewed the proposal for award of the Medal of Honor to \_\_\_\_\_ (insert rank and full name of MOH nominee) for his (her) valorous acts on \_\_\_\_\_ (insert period of award) during the \_\_\_\_\_ (insert war/conflict). After giving the nomination careful consideration, I endorsed the Medal of Honor nomination to Secretary of Defense, who endorsed it to the President of the United States for consideration. However, Title 10 U.S.C., §3744, requires that the Medal of Honor be awarded “within three years after the date of the act justifying the award.” Therefore, a statutory time waiver to title 10 U.S.C., §3744 is required before the President of the United States may, if he so chooses, award the Medal of Honor to (insert rank and full name of MOH nominee).

The final award authority for the Medal of Honor rests solely with the President of the United States. My endorsement of the Medal of Honor nomination in no way presumes what the President’s decision might be.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name of POC), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, at 703-693-3031 or \_\_\_\_\_@osd.mil.

Sincerely,

cc:  
The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
Ranking Member