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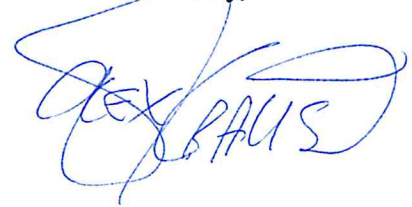
Dear Mr. William H. Natter, Jr.,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the chance to attend the United States Naval Academy. Through your help, I have received a prep school education and become better equipped to succeed in and out of the classroom.

Mercersburg Academy offered a diverse curriculum that expanded my academic perspective. Classes such as Middle Eastern Studies and Constitutional Law have given me a basic understanding of our government and foreign policy, both fields in which I want to continue to study. I honed my leadership skills through participation in two varsity sports, soccer and lacrosse, in preparation of becoming a Marine Corps Officer and leading the men and women of our armed services.

My participation in the Naval Academy Foundation has introduced me to an encouraging network of support beyond family and friends that want me to succeed. Once again, you have my most sincere thanks for your help in granting me this opportunity to attend the Naval Academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alex Paulis". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "A" and "P".

*This is a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Natter, Jr., on a handwritten note, mailed 24 June.*