INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

SUBJECT: Suspension of Army Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (SROTC) Closures

The Army has suspended the closure of 13 SROTC programs, plus their partnership and affiliated schools, and directed their immediate placement in a probationary status. The Army has also directed the review and revalidation all program retention criteria by which the SROTC programs were recommended for closure. Once complete, the evaluation criteria will be used to reassess all SROTC programs nationwide.

The Army will develop a formal 24-month probationary program for schools failing to meet the evaluation criteria. Host programs that demonstrate no improvement in achieving performance goals or meeting criteria by the end of the first year will receive one year’s notice of intent to close the unit. Host programs that show improvement or meet evaluation criteria will be retained on the probationary program for a second year. At the end of the 24-month period, schools retained for a second year will be re-evaluated. At that time, they will either receive one year’s notice of intent to close the unit or be retained.

The probationary program will focus on a collaborative effort between the school and the unit. A description of expectations between the SROTC unit and the school will be documented for each school in the probationary program. Regular updates on the unit’s progress will be provided to the respective school leadership in a formal report.

The Army will continue to progress toward restructuring placement of SROTC programs.

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