



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

March 10, 2026

Dear Friends:

It is my honor to welcome all of you to the 87th Annual American Legion Mountaineer Boys State here at Jacksons Mill. For generations this event has provided young men with the opportunity to experience government with firsthand involvement in public service and I want to congratulate you on being selected to participate in one of the most respected youth leadership programs in our country.

During your time here you will participate in various sessions that focus on the political process and inner workings of government through debating issues, running for office, writing legislation, and working together to solve problems. This is a unique chance for you to develop the skills and insights necessary for leadership in the future. I stand with your family and friends in expressing how proud we are of the effort and commitment that has led you to this point.

I encourage each of you to take full advantage of this opportunity. Listen to one another, challenge yourselves, and most importantly, remember that the strength of our republic comes from citizens who are willing to step forward and serve. The knowledge, skills, and experiences you gain this week will be invaluable in shaping your future endeavors whether your future leads you into public service, business, education, or any other field. I wish each of you a rewarding and enriching time at Mountaineer Boys State, and I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to grow and learn, so that you may carry these lessons with you for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol D. Miller".

Carol D. Miller
Member of Congress