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Congratulations on your selection as a 2026 Boys State Citizen! As one of West Virginia's most respected educational programs, this year's competition for Boys State was strong. Your selection for this program is a testament to your hard work and leadership potential.

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is the second oldest Boys State program in the nation. Since 1936, this week-long course in the operations of government and the political process has trained qualified high school juniors and produced American patriots dedicated to effective government through participation.

I encourage you to effectively utilize your time at Jackson's Mill to expand your knowledge of the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of an American citizen. The American Legion members, guest speakers, and presenters who will be with you during the week have invested their time and effort to build an informed public dedicated to good government. You will learn much while having fun if you are focused and participative.

I am confident that your week at Boys State will be productive and informative. I look forward to hearing from you in coming years as you apply your knowledge of government as a franchised citizen. Good luck!

Sincerely,



Riley M. Moore
Member of Congress