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Dear Ms. Christison,

On behalf of the United States Marine Corps, I extend my sincere appreciation for your contributions in support of the Marine Corps' recruiting mission during 2007. You and many other quality citizens have generously given of your time, rendered assistance, volunteered, or served as representatives of our Corps within your communities. Your efforts played a key role in making 2007 a successful year for our recruiters. As a result, your local recruiters wish to express their gratitude and have selected you for the Commandant of the Marine Corps' Quality Citizen Recognition Program.

Through your actions, you have demonstrated an exceptional degree of dedication to your Marine Corps — epitomizing our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. The freedom we enjoy in this country is far more than a birthright. It is something that must be earned and secured by each succeeding generation of Americans. As a Nation, we are endowed with many blessings and an enduring belief in our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Freedom, however, is not free. Your Marine Corps is at the forefront in defending our Nation and preserving our way of life. Your abiding sense of patriotism and assistance to our recruiting mission this past year is both meaningful and deeply appreciated.

Your active support of the Marine Corps and your local recruiters remains essential to setting the conditions for success in the New Year and securing the future of our country. Thank you for standing with the Few, the Proud, the Marines!

Semper Fidelis,

James T. Conway General, U.S. Marine Corps

Commandant of the Marine Corps

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