



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350-1000

December 19, 2007

The Honorable Bill Nelson  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-6050

Dear Senator Nelson:

Thank you for your letter of November 15, 2007, concerning your constituent Ms. Richelle Starnes and her medical care within the Department of the Navy. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of Defense.

I have approved Ms. Richelle Starnes for lifetime Secretary of the Navy Designee status for the purpose of receiving medical care and related services for the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, Maryland. No charges will be made for HIV-related outpatient care, inpatient care, or prescription medication.

Again, I appreciate your concern regarding Ms. Starnes. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald C. Winter", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Donald C. Winter