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Thomas A. Chamberland, Director of Veterans Services Town Hall P.O. Box 227 Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01566

Dear Mr. Chamberland:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to participate in the ceremony to be held at the Rudy Julian Memorial Monument next Saturday to honor our troops serving in Operation Desert Storm.

Unfortunately, I have a longstanding commitment to be out of town on the twenty-third which will prevent me from joining you and what I am sure will be a large number of Sturbridge residents for the event. I would appreciate your conveying my regrets to those in attendance, as I would very much like to be with you on this occasion.

As a veteran of the Korean War and a member of veterans' organizations, I strongly endorse the activities you are planning. Sturbridge's Operation Yellow Ribbon will provide a show of support and encouragement not only for the men and women serving in the Persian Gulf, but also for their families and friends here on the home front. I would be proud to join you in person for Saturday's events, but since I cannot be there I would like to express my support through this letter.

Good luck with your plans, and please let me know if I can provide any assistance with Operation Yellow Ribbon.

Sincerely,

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ROBERT D. WETMORE

Senator

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