March 21, 2001

Mr. Donald G. Oblander Director Relationship Division Boy Scouts of America 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane Irving, TX 75015-2079

Dear Mr. Oblander:

Thank you for your March 7, 2001, letter requesting a letter of support and endorsement for the Boy Scouts of America. While the Disabled American Veterans is very proud and appreciative of the outstanding work performed by your organization, I must inform you that we cannot provide such a letter.

The DAV's sole mission, to build better lives for disabled veterans and their families, limits our support. Many programs of outstanding merit, such as your own, fall beyond the scope of our Congressional chartered purpose of assisting service-connected disabled veterans, their families and survivors.

We wish you and your fine organization continued success and achievement in the future and we are very flattered that you asked for our formal support and endorsement.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. GORMAN Executive Director Washington Headquarters

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