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Dear Mr. Miller,

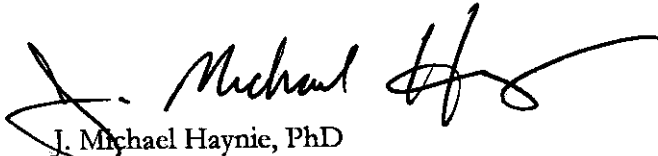
Four years ago, the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University launched a program called the *Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities* (EBV). The logic behind the program was simple; that is, to leverage something we already do well at Syracuse University – teach and train entrepreneurs – to serve those men and women who have sacrificed for our country through military service. I'm speaking about individuals like Justin Constantine, a young Marine who was severely wounded by a sniper's bullet in Iraq, and Ferris Bulter, an Army officer who lost his legs to an Improvised Explosive Device. Justin, Ferris, and the many other veterans that are together represented by this letter share in common a disability resulting from their service to our country – but they also share in the American dream of one day becoming a business owner.

The aim of the EBV program is to open the door to entrepreneurial opportunity for our veterans, by developing their competencies in the many steps and activities associated with creating and sustaining an entrepreneurial venture. More than 300 wounded warriors have graduated from the EBV since its inception in 2007, and over the past four years the program has expanded to a network of business schools across the U.S. The EBV Consortium of Schools currently includes UCLA's Anderson School of Management, Florida State University's College of Business, the Mays School of Business at Texas A&M University, the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University, and the College of Business at the University of Connecticut. The EBV Consortium represents the first major partnership of America's schools and colleges of business since World War II, formed with the express purpose of serving military veterans.

I'm writing because for the past two years, DLA Piper has played a critical role assisting the EBV program serve our wounded warriors. DLA Piper associates and partners like Marty Lorenzo, Phil Weller, Carrie Duranceau, and others have donated their time to teach small business law seminars to the veterans participating in the EBV program. Further, through your pro bono program numerous DLA Piper employees have worked with EBV graduates as mentors and advisors, helping the veterans navigate some of the legal challenges associated with launching and growing their entrepreneurial ventures. For the extraordinary commitment and dedication to our veterans with disabilities demonstrated by the employees of your firm, I am honored to inform you that DLA Piper has been named the 2010 Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities **Corporate Partner of the Year**. This honor will be formally

presented to DLA Piper during the EBV program that takes place in August at Texas A&M University.

On behalf of our veterans - men and women who have sacrificed so much for this country and who now want to make a future for themselves and their families in the most American way possible, through entrepreneurship - I want to humbly and respectfully thank you for your role in fostering the strong sense of social service and civic responsibility exhibited by DLA Piper employees. It is my hope that this honor helps them realize that through their actions, they have had a profound and positive impact on the lives of this country's most deserving veterans.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Michael Haynie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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