



VADM Norbert R. Ryan, Jr. USN (Ret)
President

October 1, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write on behalf of the more than 390,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America to respectfully urge that you refrain from vetoing the National Defense Authorization Act for 2016.

There are many provisions in the defense bill that give MOAA concerns for future readiness. Nevertheless, the bill represents the best efforts of legislators in both chambers after long and contentious deliberation. As much as we disagree with some of the provisions, the fact is that we are still a nation at war, and this legislation is vital to fulfilling wartime requirements.

With multiple contentious issues remaining for Congress to tackle this year, and very little legislative time to complete those crucial actions, this is not the time to add to the already extremely daunting burden of legislative challenges by vetoing the defense authorization bill.

There comes a time when this year's legislative business must be completed, and remaining disagreements left to be addressed next year. We urge you to sign this important bill into law and take up any concerns with it, including the legitimate Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding concerns, in the New Year.

MOAA is grateful for your leadership and all that you and the First Lady do for our service women and men, their families and the millions of Americans who have honorably worn our nation's uniform.

Sincerely, *VERY RESPECTFULLY*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Norbert R. Ryan'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Norbert' being the most prominent.