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Dear Supportive Employer,

I want to personally extend my congratulations to you on being nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. One of your employees serving in the National Guard or Reserve nominated Benjamin West for this prestigious award. The Freedom Award is the U.S. Government's highest recognition given to American employers of National Guard or Reserve members for their exceptional support above the requirements of federal law.

Benjamin West's nomination for this award demonstrates your employees' appreciation for the exceptional leadership, support and personal devotion you provide to the National Guard and Reserve. More than 3,000 Guard and Reserve service members took the time to nominate their civilian employer. Just like them, we are forever grateful for your understanding and recognition of these patriotic volunteers.

The 2009 recipients will be announced mid summer and honored in Washington, D.C. at the 14th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award ceremony September 17, 2009. For more information please visit the official Freedom Award website at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil).

Again, congratulations on being nominated for the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. I wish you luck throughout the award selection process and thank you for your exceptional support for your employees who serve in the National Guard or Reserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Gordon Sumner, Jr.", written in black ink.

L. Gordon Sumner, Jr., PhD  
Executive Director