July 13, 2009

Cheryl Walker
Committee Chair
Interstate Compact Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Dear Chairwoman Walker:

On behalf of the National Military Family Association and the families it serves, we would like to be considered for ex-officio representative status on the Interstate Compact Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

According to Article IX, Section C of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, the Commission can consist of ex-officio, non-voting representatives who advocate for military families. The National Military Family Association is the only national organization whose sole focus is the military family and whose goal is to influence the development and implementation of policies that will improve the lives of the families of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For 40 years, our staff and volunteers, comprised mostly of military family members, have built a reputation for being the leading experts on military family issues.

Our Association is proud of the work we have done alongside the Department of Defense, policy makers, and stakeholders to ensure the successful passage of the Compact. As a member of both the Advisory Group and Drafting Team who helped develop the Compact, we firmly believe this Compact significantly lessens many of the challenges military children and their families face when moving. We are committed to safeguarding the integrity of the Compact as it is implemented within the member States, and will continue to work to ensure its passage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia.

We thank you for your consideration of our request and look forward to your response. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Candace Wheeler, Government Relations Deputy Director at (703) 931-6632 or CWheeler@MilitaryFamily.org.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Board of Governors