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Dear Dr. Hudson:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the United States Army Cadet Command (USACC) will close the Army Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) program at your institution. The effective date of closure will be at the end of School Year 2014/2015.

This action is not a reflection of either the quality of your program or the outstanding Cadets you have produced. The Army arrived at this difficult decision after careful consideration of how to best accomplish its mission with a reduction of resources.

Like all commands throughout the Department of Defense (DoD), the USACC is restructuring and realigning units to accomplish the mission with fewer resources. The USACC is closing 13 of 273 ROTC programs nation-wide. The USACC followed the program viability standards outlined in the DOD Instruction 1215.08, Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Programs, and used a production-based model to evaluate Army ROTC programs and measure program efficiency. The methodology included considerations for market potential, the Army's academic discipline needs, the program's historical production and proximity to other Army ROTC units.

Regretfully, the Army must close your ROTC program at the end of School Year 2014/2015. Be assured that ROTC Cadre will ensure a smooth transition and follow contractual and regulatory guidance while working closely with you and your staff during this process. The USACC will honor its commitments to you and its Cadets by providing equitable and agreed upon alternatives for their commissioning. Thank you for supporting ROTC and for your important contributions toward developing our nation's future leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Lamont", is positioned above the typed name.

Thomas R. Lamont
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