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Sen. Lourey,

My name is Tony Zech. I am a veteran of the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 2011 after seven and a half years of service. I currently reside in Duluth, MN and attend the University of Minnesota Duluth. I am writing to you to simply make contact and to make you aware of my campaign to raise money for the families of fallen military. As I understand it your brother Matthew Lourey served as a helicopter pilot and lost his life in May of 2005. I stumbled upon his name in an odd way. My original goal was to raise money for Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors by ruck marching (military version of backpacking) Grandma's Marathon held in Duluth. In light of the recent Boston Marathon bombing the race committee has created a policy that no bags are to be permitted along the course. I still plan on running the marathon but I have run them before and believe that the families of my fallen comrades deserve more. As an alternative to rucking the marathon I have decided to ruck march the entire 24 hours of memorial day and I plan on hiking the portion of the Munger Trail named in honor of your brother. I decided there was no better way to honor fallen heroes than to maintain a 24 hour watch while walking a trail named after a hero. I started a blog, ruckandremember.com, when I decided to start raising money. I would appreciate permission to highlight your brother on the blog and to tell his story. I also again just wanted to make you aware that this is happening due to the fact that I hope to also honor the memory of your brother in this undertaking. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely
Tony Zech