

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS 701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001 ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

> Docket No. 6773-25 Ref: Signature Date



Dear

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 1552.

Your application was not filed in a timely manner. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 31 July 2025. You contend it would be in the interest of justice to excuse your failure to submit your application in a timely manner because you were diagnosed with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (hEDS) in February 2022, and since then, you applied for service connection with the Veterans Administration multiple times and been denied despite conceding that you had the condition in service and despite a nexus letter you provided. You further asserted that from 2022-2025 you underwent 7 surgeries to correct soft tissue damage done while on Active Duty, at great personal cost, and, upon learning of this Board in 2025, you applied. After careful and conscientious consideration, the Board determined this was an insufficient reason to find it in the interest of justice to excuse your failure to submit your application in a timely manner. Thus, the Board was not willing to waive the three-year statute of limitations since the date of discovery, and determined your request should be denied due to the length of time since your discharge.

In the absence of sufficient new evidence for reconsideration, the decision of the Board is final, and your only recourse would be to seek relief, at no cost to the Board, from a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

