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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President today signed an Amendment to an Executive Order which continues the suspension of the limitations on the percentage of officers in the Navy and Marine Corps who may be recommended for promotion from below the promotion zone. This is a continuing step in the Department of the Navy's program to recognize high performance and improve retention of high quality officers through accelerated promotion. Under permanent law, the Navy and Marine Corps are limited in the number of officers who might be recommended for promotion from below the zone. The amended Executive Order will continue the suspension inaugurated four years ago of the permanent limitation and permit continued selection of increased numbers of officers from below the promotion zone for Navy and Marine Corps officers.

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