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Representative Louie Gohmert
U.S. House of Representatives
508 Cannon House Office Building
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Subject: Please Cosponsor the Military Readiness Enhancement Act

Dear Representative Gohmert,

As your constituent, I urge you to cosponsor the Military Readiness Enhancement Act that is currently in the House of Representatives.

Although the main purpose of this legislation is to repeal the U.S. Military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy so that gay, lesbian and bisexual troops would be allowed to serve openly, the bill is much more than a non-discrimination bill. It is a bill that would protect national security and strengthen our military, while saving taxpayers and our Armed Forces millions of dollars and countless hours that could be put to better use.

I was court-martialed for being gay in 1992 in a trial at Pope Air Force Base that was nationally publicized.

Maybe it's time this country takes a good hard look at itself and realizes we are not a country of straight white males but a country of people of all kinds of diversities. Until we can see that diversity, we can't learn to appreciate what we have.

What can we do? I've got a good start for you. The next time you see injustice, stop being a silent witness. Stand up for yourself and for our brothers and sisters and speak the truth - the truth that says our freedom is not sacred in spite of our diversity, but because of it.

This country was founded on the concepts of freedom and religious rights. I think it's time we remind the Religious Right that it was tolerance they sought when they came to America. What do you say we all practice what we preach?

Please support our Armed Forces by cosponsoring this critical legislation. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,
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