



**COUNCILMEMBER
MARTI EMERALD**

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi
Office of the Speaker
H-232, U.S. Capital
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi,

This weekend we celebrate the birthday and accomplishments of Harvey Milk, a leader who made the ultimate sacrifice for human rights. What better way to honor the late San Francisco Supervisor and all who are dedicated to justice and equality than to repeal the military's "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy against gay men and women in the military.

The San Diego City Council and other elected officials in California have condemned this discriminatory law. We ask you to take the lead in amending the pending Defense Authorization Bill, to once and for all strike down "Don't Ask Don't Tell".

We need your leadership now more than ever to achieve justice and equality for gay Americans who wish to serve in the United States Armed Forces. Once again, Madam Speaker, you have an opportunity to make history, much as you did with Healthcare Reform. We look forward to celebrating another great accomplishment as you lead this historic effort to allow all Americans to serve their nation and achieve their great potential.

Please know this City Council stands with you at this important crossroad and will continue to stand with you until "Don't Ask Don't Tell" is finally history!

Thank you for your courageous service.

All the Best,

Marti Emerald
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