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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Boehner  
Minority Leader  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader Boehner:

On behalf of the National Association for Uniformed Services, I write to oppose amendments that would repeal or otherwise change present policy on "Don't Ask Don't Tell" prior to completion of a Department of Defense (DoD) comprehensive review on the issues of lifting the military ban on open homosexual conduct.

With our servicemen and women fighting the Global War on Terrorism on three fronts, our troops and families serving under the stress of combat, terrorist incidents, natural disasters, rising suicide rates and family breakups due to the constant, unremitting stress of war deployments, the importance of the DoD study is critical to our understanding of affects on benefits, base housing, discipline, morale of the current force, and our military readiness, especially in wartime.

NAUS is proud of our troops and we respect their mission at home and overseas. There are serious questions on whether change in this law will improve military readiness, unit cohesion, good order and discipline, and we strongly suggest you wait until the Pentagon has reviewed the consequences of repealing the laws presently in force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Matz, Jr.', written over a blue ink stamp of the same name.

WILLIAM M. MATZ, JR.

Major General, US Army, Retired  
President