



May 20, 2010
By fax and email

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515-6537

Dear Minority Leader Boehner:

The Association of the United States Navy, representing Navy veterans, Active Duty Navy, Navy Reserve and their families is concerned that amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Defense Authorization bill would terminate the current law of ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ (DADT), will be introduced.

We have met with the Secretary of Defense Comprehensive Review Board on this policy. The review board has a comprehensive process to make fair and substantial recommendations for the Secretary of Defense and for Congress on this issue. It would be premature for Congress to act in any way before the review board releases its findings and recommendations.

AUSN does endorse the current law and policies as recently changed by the Secretary as fair and operationally sound for our forces. We believe any changes to this current law and policies should be evolutionary, and not revolutionary, as changes to the current law could diminish our military’s readiness for current war fighting and readiness.

We ask that the Secretary of Defense comprehensive review board be allowed to complete their extensive review prior to any legislative action on this matter.

Sincerely,

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