



Dear Member of Congress,

You will soon consider a proposed repeal of 10 U.S.C. § 654, popularly known as the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy. During the Armed Forces’ review process, significant concerns were raised that repeal will endanger religious liberty for chaplains and Service members. Two letters were sent to military and Congressional leaders outlining these dangers, both of which are attached for your review and consideration. One of the letters was signed by 41 high-ranking veteran chaplains.

The proposed repeal does not solve the religious liberty problems raised in the attached letters. Contrary the statements by supporters of the proposed repeal, there is no reason why the Comprehensive Review Working Group cannot perform an adequate review of current law as-is. Thus, the proposed repeal is an obvious stepping-stone to fully normalizing homosexual behavior in the military, with all the attendant religious liberty concerns that entails. Accordingly, the proposed repeal willingly abdicates Congress’ constitutional responsibility to protect First Amendment rights for chaplains and Service members. At a minimum, any repeal of current law must be accompanied by robust statutory religious liberty protections to ensure that Service members do not lose the very liberties they are fighting to protect for Americans.

We urge you to read the attached letters and to consider the First Amendment impact of the actions you take on the proposed repeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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