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LGBT Equality: Repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell (H.R. 1283, S. 3065)

Urge your senators and representative in Congress to support the Military Readiness Enhancement Act (H.R. 1283, S. 3065), which would repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT).

BACKGROUND

Bills have been introduced in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate that would repeal the policy known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell, which forbids gay and lesbian soldiers from serving openly in the military. DADT was enacted in 1993, and since then many valuable service members have been discharged from the military for acknowledging their sexual orientation.

The Military Readiness Enhancement Act would strengthen our defenses at a time when we are fighting two costly wars overseas, making it vital that we retain our soldiers. Moreover, a repeal of DADT is supported by a growing number of military leaders, who argue that allowing our gay and lesbian soldiers to serve openly would not disrupt military operations.

Please contact your senators and representative today and urge them to support the Military Readiness Enhancement Act.

Civil Liberties: Tell Google Not to Share Info with the NSA

Write to the CEO of Google and urge him not to enter into an information-sharing agreement with the National Security Agency.

Write to:

Eric Schmidt, CEO
Google, Inc.
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway
Mountain View, CA 940

BACKGROUND

The Washington Post recently reported that Google may be negotiating an agreement with the National Security Agency (NSA) that would help Google identify security holes in its network--but would give the NSA access to sensitive information about the American people in the process.

Private companies like Google should be protecting our information, not freely handing it over to the government—particularly, when within the past decade, the NSA was discovered to be illegally spying on Americans. Please contact the CEO of Google today and demand that your information be kept safe and to reject an agreement with the NSA.

Maternal Health: Urge the Department of Health and Human Services to Make Safe Pregnancy a Priority

Please write to US Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and ask her to create an Office of Maternal Health to make sure that all women have access to quality maternal care.

Write to:

Secretary Kathleen Sebelius
US Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20201

BACKGROUND

In the United States approximately three women die every day from pregnancy-related complications. The statistics are worse for African-American women, who are about four times more likely to die than Caucasian women. And according to an Amnesty International USA report, approximately half of all maternal deaths could have been prevented.

Many deaths occur due to lack of access to maternal health care, inability to afford maternal health care and a lack of medical oversight in maternal health care matters. That's why it's important to urge the US Department of Health and Human Services to create an Office of Maternal Health to address these issues. Please write to Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and urge her to create an office that would review data on maternal deaths and complications across the nation, would provide protocols for health care providers to respond to complications that can cause maternal death, and would recommend ways to change the system so that more women receive quality maternal care.

Sensible Drug Policy: Urge Wal-Mart to Change its Policy on Medical Marijuana

Write to the CEO of Wal-Mart, Mike Duke, and urge him to change Wal-Mart's policy of discrimination against employees who legally use medical marijuana.

Write to:

Mike Duke, CEO
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
702 Southwest Eighth Street
Bentonville, AR 72716-8611

BACKGROUND

Recently, Wal-Mart fired an employee, Joseph Casias, for using medical marijuana—even though it was legal for him to do so in Michigan, the state where he worked, and he was registered as a medical marijuana patient.

Given the large number of people Wal-Mart employs, it's important that it rejects policies that punish employees for following their doctors' medical recommendations. Please write to the CEO of Wal-Mart today and ask him to revise the policy of discrimination against legal, registered medical marijuana patients.

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