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Minnesota LGBTQ Legislative Caucus Statement on President's Tweet Announcing New Official Military Policy of Transgender Discrimination

This morning, the 45th president of the United States issued his latest hateful tweet. This time it was directed at American heroes who serve in our nation's military, devoting every day of their lives in selfless service to protect the rest of us, and to defend the freedom that is the very foundation of our democracy. His tweet would order those Americans out of the military, and close the door to others who want to respond to a patriotic call to duty, who want to serve with honor in support of ideals larger than themselves.

Once again this president, in word and deed, has proven that he is unworthy of the office he holds. He degrades the respect needed to fulfill the role of Commander in Chief. By this action, and so many others, he undermines and weakens our country.

To our Transgender friends, whether in the military or not, you epitomize the very best of our country – your willingness to live with integrity, courage and authenticity epitomizes the highest ideals of strength, community, self-determination and patriotism that our country should stand for. We see you and we stand with you until you are truly free. None of us is free until every one of us can pursue our dreams and aspirations without hindrance or barrier.

If you are a Transgender person serving in the military, we encourage you to get help and resources as soon as possible.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has announced that they stand ready to help Transgender military personnel:

<http://tinyurl.com/ACLU-GLBTQ-LegalHelp>.

OutServe/Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (OutServe-SLDN) can also help connect people to support and legal services:

<https://www.outserve-sldn.org/>

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