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Rep. Gary Miller's Statement on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Repeal

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the House of Representative voted to repeal the Clinton-era "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT) law and policy. On November 30, 2010, the Department of Defense unveiled the findings and recommendations generated from a nine-month study of the implications of repealing DADT. While some in Congress have used the release of this report as an opportunity to rush to repeal the law, significant challenges identified in the report, especially within the Army and Marine Corps combat arms, would suggest that a more cautious approach is warranted.

Following the vote to repeal DADT, Rep. Gary Miller released the following statement:

"The Pentagon's report has identified some major challenges associated with repealing the longstanding Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. A majority of our nation's combat units have expressed serious concern about repealing this policy, and several of our nation's military leaders have stated it is too risky to make such a major cultural policy shift during a time of war. Rather than hold hearings to contemplate the ramifications a repeal of this policy would have on military recruitment, readiness, and morale, the House today hastily voted to repeal the law. This vote expresses complete disregard for those currently fighting in defense of our great nation."

Key Findings from the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Survey Include:

- 44% of military personnel said a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal would have a negative effect on their unit's effectiveness in the field.
- Nearly 60% of respondents in the Marine Corps said a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal would have a negative effect on their unit's effectiveness.
- 67% of Marine combat arms respondents said a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal would have a negative effect on their unit's effectiveness.
- Nearly 60% of Army combat arms respondent said a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal would have a negative effect on their unit's effectiveness.

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