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The Honorable Robert Gates  
Secretary of Defense  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

As markup of the Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) quickly approaches, I would appreciate your views and position on the advisability of legislative proposals that may impact the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy. I expect this issue will be raised at a number of junctures throughout the NDAA process, and your thoughts on potential congressional action at this time would be of great value to me and to the committee when this issue is raised.

Very truly yours,



IKE SKELTON  
Chairman

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