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The Honorable Roger Wicker Chairman Senate Committee on Armed Services Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Jack Reed Ranking Member Senate Committee on Armed Services Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Rogers Chairman House Committee on Armed Services Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Adam Smith Ranking Member House Committee on Armed Services Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Chairman Wicker, Ranking Member Reed, Chairman Rogers, and Ranking Member Smith,

As the House and Senate prepare to negotiate the final Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), **Modern Military Association of America** proudly joins more than 184 Members of Congress and leading advocacy organizations in signing a bicameral letter urging NDAA conferees to remove harmful, anti-equality provisions from the FY2026 NDAA. We also **share with you the testimonials of military families** who have been harmed by similar provisions in the (FY) 2025 NDAA or face further loss of care in the FY 2026 NDAA

These provisions would strip essential healthcare protections, restrict transgender service members' access to medically necessary care, and threaten inclusion for LGBTQ+ service members, families, and cadets at military academies.

Our LGBTQ+ service members and their families deserve the same dignity, safety, and access to care as everyone who serves. These harmful amendments undermine readiness, retention, and the core values our military stands for."

Modern Military joins organizations including the Human Rights Campaign, Out in National Security, Minority Veterans of America, and others in calling on Congress to pass an NDAA that protects all who serve our nation.

Sincerely,

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