

March 27, 2018  
Eric Babson  
babson@math.ucdavis.edu  
1094 Cragmont Avenue  
Berkeley CA, 94708

Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about transgender soldiers. This week you issued a vicious memo attacking soldiers based on whether they are trans. Such bigotry will hurt military readiness in several ways. It encourages attacks by other bigots. It forces trans people in the military to focus on defending themselves from your policies rather than defending our country. It divides units as soldiers are forced to decide between government policy and morality. Studies have consistently shown that your policy is destructive with the American Medical Association and several court decisions backing trans troops. Even if you are successfully blocked from implementing such a bigoted policy some of the damage will still occur.

*Please assure me that you will support transgender soldiers.*

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our diverse society.

Sincerely,  
Eric Babson