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Dear Mr President:

I am concerned about bigotry.

For half of my life the military denigrated gays much as it did racial minorities for a previous generation. In both cases the shift to acceptance had a huge societal impact. Like college many young people are socialized in the military and the diversity they see represented and accepted there is often formative. You have now twice blocked such acceptance for transgender troops with divided supreme courts backing your bigoted orders in 2019 and again this week. Rather than simply blocking people from joining the services your orders sadistically target for immediate removal people who have been serving for years.

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

My pride in the US derives in part from our diversity.

Sincerely,

Eric Babson