“Today marks the historic official repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Nearly two decades after its enactment, our lesbian, gay, and bisexual service members can finally serve the country that they love without the fear of being discharged. Never again will they be forced in the shadows, to lie about their identity, or to be afraid to talk about the people that they love. Today signifies a crucial milestone in history and is a victory not just for the LGBTQ community, but for America as a whole.”