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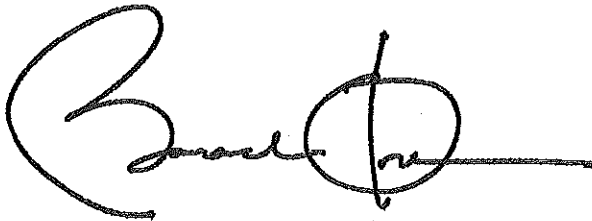
WASHINGTON

July 22, 2011

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to section 2(b)(2) of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell Repeal Act of 2010 (the "Act") Public Law 111-321, 10 U.S.C. 654 note, I hereby transmit the attached certification required by the Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Howard P. McKeon
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515