

"Never doubt  
that a  
**small  
group**  
of thoughtful,  
committed  
citizens can  
change the world;  
indeed,  
it's the only thing  
that ever does."

Margaret Mead

**You** can make a profound difference — if you believe in achieving equal rights for all Americans. President Bill Clinton has made it clear this nation must end the military policy of discriminating against gay and lesbian service people who want to serve their country. The policy is unjust, wasteful and plain wrong.

President Clinton naturally cannot do it alone. He must win allies on Capitol Hill, within the defense community, and throughout the nation. We must educate and convince everyone. As Congressional hearings unfold and the public debate intensifies, each of our voices must be raised. **You can and must express your convictions. You will be heard. Now is that time.**

How can you help? Here are **ten simple, straightforward ideas** that will get you started. Use them today, and share them with your friends, your family and coworkers. Feel free to copy these ideas and to come up with your own.

Together, we can make a difference.

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Operation  
Lift the Ban...

# ten ways

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difference.

### 1. Write and call your senators and representatives.

We have an obligation to tell our elected representatives how we feel, and to rebut the orchestrated attacks from our opponents. Members of Congress *do* pay attention to their mail and phone calls. The *best* way to get your views known is a brief, personal letter in your own words.

You may wish to identify yourself as gay or lesbian. Just as important, you should feel free to personalize your comments and to identify your professional background as a business owner, military veteran, lawyer, salesperson, engineer or perhaps another perspective. We come from all walks of life.

Here's a brief example, but remember *in your own words*.

"**The Honorable** (Senator's or Representative's name)  
**Washington, D.C. 20510** (Senate) or **20515** (House of Representatives)

Dear Senator [or Congressman]:

**I strongly agree with President Clinton's plan to lift the ban against gays and lesbians serving in the armed forces. I urge you to support his decision and to end this unfair and misguided policy. I hope you will keep me informed of your views on this matter.**

Sincerely,"

To call your Senator or Congressman, and to have your views recorded, feel free to call the Capitol switchboard at 202/224-3121 (Senate) or 202/225-3121 (House of Representatives). The operator will connect you with the appropriate office.

### 2. Come out, or encourage your friends to come out.

The truth is the most powerful weapon against the lies of the homophobic extremists who

want to keep gays and lesbians in the closet. The visibility of gays and lesbians performs a positive, courageous rebuttal to the distortions, misperceptions and ignorance of others. Your personal testimony or that of your friends and loved ones can be an important way to reach others.

### 3. Thank President Clinton.

It's always smart to show appreciation for strong leadership, and to let President Bill Clinton know he can count on us. Say thanks, and urge him to press forward by writing "President Bill Clinton, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500." You may also call the White House Comment Line at 202/456-1111 from Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm EST *and* fax 202/456-2461.

### 4. Write or call Senator Sam Nunn.

Senator Nunn of Georgia chairs the Senate Armed Services Committee. Although he has expressed opposition to lifting the ban, he has promised balanced Senate hearings on the subject this spring. He needs to hear from responsible opponents of the ban. Call his office at 202/224-3521 *and* fax 202/224-0072 *and* write at Room 303, Senate Dirksen Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

### 5. Write to your newspaper.

Almost everyone reads letters to the editor. That includes your neighbors, as well as editorial writers and Members of Congress. Put your views succinctly and thoughtfully on paper, and mail them to your newspaper. And keep doing so.

### 6. Call local television stations and radio talk shows.

Public affairs broadcasters and radio talk show hosts need public dialogue and invite controversial points of view. They clearly influence the outcome of legislation and important national decisions. You need to make your voice heard on the airwaves in your community and within your state. Look up the numbers and pick up the phone often to get your point across.

### 7. Call the Pentagon.

Weigh in with the Defense Department and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Let them know you support lifting the ban by calling Pentagon Public Affairs at 703/697-5737 *and* fax 703/695-1149.

### 8. Ask local groups to take a stand.

When you attend a club meeting, a sports league, a progressive church organization or a civic association, invite the

leadership and members to join you in taking a stand. Perhaps it will take a newsletter article or letter, or drafting a simple resolution for adoption. If they will join you in opposing discrimination, make sure their decision is known to your elected representatives, too.

### 9. Attend Congressional district meetings and Open Forums.

Frequently, a Senator or Member of Congress will return home to meet with voters, to hold Q&A sessions and town meetings or to invite appointments with constituents. Find out where the meetings will be held and make sure you participate. Bring friends and supporters, too. Be visible.

### 10. Join Speak Out.

Timing matters. HRCF's Speak Out constituent mail program sends overnight letters to Members of Congress. Join Speak Out and rest assured that your opinion will be heard immediately when important issues come up for a vote on Capitol Hill. Speak Out messages advocate for an end to the ban, passage of the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill, funding for AIDS and women's health research, and reproductive freedom. For more information call 1-800-777-HRCF (4723).

**Make a difference. Take a stand.**

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