

# VOICES FOR VETERANS ACT



## Bill Number

Introduced by Rep. Suzan K. DelBene (WA-1) as H.R.2827.

## Purpose of Bill

This bill will expand the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans to include LGBTQ veterans.

## Action Request

Ask your representatives to support and cosponsor this bill if they have not yet done so, especially if they are part of the House Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

## Talking Points

- **LGBTQ veterans deserve to be acknowledged and have their voices heard.** The repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” is still relatively recent, and this bill would give voice to LGBTQ veterans, who have been subject to a suffocating forced silence for decades, giving them a platform to speak about the issues affecting them.
- **The presence of transgender service members needs to be acknowledged.** Even though transgender service only recently legalized, this bill’s language recognizes that transgender people were have been serving our country for decades, and that they deserve to be seen and heard.