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Equal Rights Center Applauds Repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 22, 2010— In response to the repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell,” Donald L. Kahl, Executive Director of the Equal Rights Center—a national civil rights non-profit—released the following statement.

“The end of ‘Don’t Ask Don’t Tell’ is a watershed event, not only for the LGBT community, but one for society as a whole. Ending this last vestige of discrimination against the LGBT community in federal hiring and employment makes us a stronger country and a stronger society. The Equal Rights Center hopes this is only a first step towards a greater public enlightenment to expand civil rights for all those in the LGBT community.”

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About the Equal Rights Center (www.equalrightscenter.org)

Originally formed in 1983, the Equal Rights Center (ERC) is a national non-profit civil rights organization based in Washington, D.C. With members located in 33 states and the District of Columbia, the ERC works nationally to promote equal opportunity in housing, employment, disability rights, immigrant rights, and access to public accommodations and government services for all protected classes under federal, state, and local laws.