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Statement of Rep. Linehan, Vice Chair of Veterans' Affairs Committee, re: Trump Ban on Transgender Individuals in Military

“The President’s statement on Twitter announcing his intention to discriminate against transgender service members is indefensible. Less than one percent of the U.S. population currently serves in the armed forces – dismissing any service member who meets the standards and is willing to fight for our country would be senseless. Transgender men and women serving bravely in the military deserve our thanks, not threats from behind a computer screen.

Here in Connecticut we are willing to take a stand and protect those serving in the Connecticut National Guard, the Connecticut Air Guard, and the other armed forces of our state by affirming that we will take no action that discriminates against service members. As Vice Chair of the Veterans’ Affairs Committee, I am proud we have done so.”

- **State Rep. Liz Linehan** (D-Cheshire/Southington/Wallingford)