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Delaware Veterans & Sussex Pride Stand with Trans Service Members

DELAWARE – The Delaware Democratic Party Veterans and Military Caucus and Sussex Pride have released the following statement:

“Earlier this week the President signed an executive order banning transgender people from serving in the military. Denying capable Americans the opportunity to serve and protect our nation undermines our military’s readiness, safety, and inclusivity.

This order will impact thousands of transgender service members, including those that are currently based in Delaware.

Anyone who meets the standards should be able to serve. A ban based on who a person is and not on how they perform or what they can contribute greatly conflicts with military values. From the founding of our nation, LGBTQ+ Americans have fought valiantly and sacrificed to defend the country they love, demonstrating unwavering commitment and patriotism.

Delaware Democratic Party Veterans and Military Families Caucus and Sussex Pride remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting Delaware transgender military personnel and their families, providing them with the resources and advocacy they need to navigate these challenging times.”

President Trump also signed an executive order eliminating diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) offices within the DOD and Department of Homeland Security.

LGBTQ+ Service Members are who need support are encouraged to reach out to Sussex Pride Service Members:

- On the web: sussexpride.org/servicemembers
- On facebook: facebook.com/sussexprideservicemembers
- On instagram: instagram.com/sussexprideservicemembers

SUSSEX PRIDE

Sussex Pride works to celebrate, strengthen, and support the LGBTQ+ community in Sussex County and the state of Delaware, working through a social justice lens. We focus on arts & culture, health & wellness, social and support groups, and advocacy for our community. (www.sussexpride.org)