

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 9, 2011

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
c/o Stamp Development
1735 North Lynn Street, Suite 5013
Arlington, VA 22209-6432

Dear Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

It has recently come to our attention that the United States Postal Service is considering producing a stamp in honor of civil rights leader Harvey Milk. We write to express our strong support for this effort.

Harvey Milk became the first openly gay elected official from a major U.S. city when he was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1977. A passionate advocate for the rights of seniors and disadvantaged youth, Harvey Milk sought change by encouraging lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) citizens to live their lives openly and by inspiring all Californians to actively participate in their government.

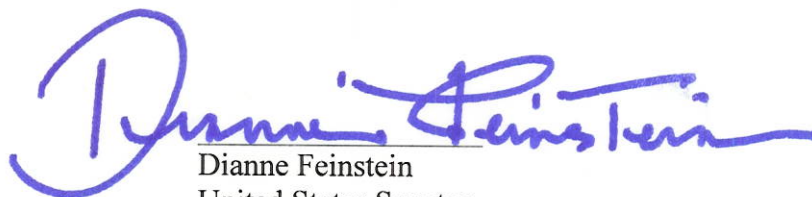
Harvey Milk's legacy continues to inspire generations of individuals committed to social and economic justice. He is respected nationally as a pioneer of the LGBT civil rights movement. President Obama awarded Harvey Milk the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom and in 2010 California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger inducted Harvey Milk into the California Hall of Fame. The United States Postal Service has yet to honor an LGBT American with a stamp. Please consider honoring Harvey Milk's nationally significant work and legacy with a commemorative stamp.

Attached are letters from Congressman Bob Filner and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who also support this proposal. In advance, I thank you for giving this request your serious consideration. If your staff has any questions, please contact Megan Miller in Senator Boxer's office at (415) 403-0105, or TC Ostrander in Senator Feinstein's office at (202) 228-3841.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator



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