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Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
C/o Stamp Development  
U.S. Postal Service  
1735 North Lynn Street, Suite 5013  
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Dear Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee:

As the Speaker of the New York City Council, I'd like to convey my strongest and most heartfelt support for a commemorative stamp being issued in honor of the late Harvey Milk.

Harvey Milk was a true American hero in every sense of the word.

As the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in the U.S., he served with great pride and fearlessness, winning the hearts and minds of countless Americans before his tragic assassination in 1978.

Not only did he help bring our country closer to achieving the ideals that lie at the very heart of our existence, but he inspired us all to take a stand and to never back down from our fight for full equality. These are among the many reasons why Harvey Milk was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama in 2009.

Harvey Milk blazed the path that made it possible for me and so many other openly gay public officials to serve and represent this great country of ours. Honoring him with a stamp would be a wonderful testament to his legacy and a reminder of just how far we've come – and still have to go – in our fight for true equality.

Thank you in advance for considering my strong support for this important cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christine C. Quinn'.

Christine C. Quinn  
Speaker