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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 Sir or Madam:

I am writing to ask you to commemorate the life and legacy of Harvey Milk by issuing a postage stamp. As one of the first openly lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) elected officials, Harvey Milk was a groundbreaking visionary. Harvey Milk was elected in 1977, at a time when few places recognized LGBT individuals as worthy of equal protection under the law. He was also instrumental in fighting for teachers who were targeted because of their real or perceived sexual orientation. As an elected official and educator, I consider myself a direct beneficiary of his pioneering work. Thanks to the foundation laid by Harvey Milk and others, out LGBT individuals can be found in all walks of life, from elected officials and teachers to USPS employees.

I want to thank the USPS for already recognizing LGBT figures such as James Baldwin. In addition, other openly queer figures honored on U.S. stamps include Alvin Ailey, Andy Warhol, and Walt Whitman. The USPS has, however, not honored any LGBT individual for working to advance this nation's bedrock principle of equality. Harvey Milk sacrificed his life doing so, making his image the natural choice for the first such stamp. President Obama posthumously recognized Harvey Milk last year with a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor in the country. It is now time for the USPS to follow the President's lead and recognize this key figure in our history by issuing a stamp.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Dromm", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Daniel Dromm  
New York City Council Member, 25<sup>th</sup> District