



Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House

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Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
C/O Stamp Development  
U.S. Postal Service  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to support the creation of a Commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp in honor of Harvey Milk. Harvey Milk was the first openly gay man elected to political office in our nation's history, as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. He was a San Francisco hero, a champion of human rights and symbol to the world for LGBT civil rights. When Harvey Milk was sworn in as Supervisor, he said his "victory signaled a green light to all who feel disenfranchised, a green light to move forward."

A popular neighborhood merchant and activist, Harvey Milk became a great progressive leader who transformed the political and social culture for all time. He pioneered an open, participatory government accessible to all, especially those who had never before been included. For the first time, neighborhood and ethnic community activists and openly gay men and lesbians were appointed to positions of power and authority. He was a passionate advocate for seniors and his populist agenda encompassed the needs of all minorities.

Harvey Milk continues to inspire us all to strive for a society that provides unlimited and equal opportunities for all our citizens. Over the past few decades, we have made great strides toward achieving equality for all in this country. The United States Postal Service has yet to honor an LGBT American hero with a stamp, commemorating the life and efforts of Harvey Milk would be a testament to Harvey's courage and a symbol of pride to anyone who has ever felt discrimination or cared about those who have.

Thank you for your full consideration of one of San Francisco's most beloved icons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Pelosi". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

NANCY PELOSI  
Speaker of the House