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Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
c/o Stamp Development  
United States Postal Service  
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**Re: Harvey Milk Postage Stamp**

Dear Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the issuance of a commemorative United States postage stamp honoring the late San Francisco Board of Supervisors member Harvey Milk. As the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California, Milk helped open doors for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people in the United States; inspired countless LGBT Americans to live without shame; and was a champion of the LGBT civil rights movement. He has remained a symbol of activism and an inspiration for innumerable Americans who continue to strive for equality and justice.

We at the Red Ribbon Foundation embrace Harvey Milk's vision of an America that represents all of its people, and applaud President Obama for awarding Milk the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom. As America's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom is bestowed only on those who make a particularly worthy contribution to the security or national interest of the United States, world peace, cultural or other significant public or private endeavors. Similarly, the Governor of the State of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger, recently inducted Harvey Milk into the California Hall of Fame to honor his contribution to the state, saying he "embodies California's innovative spirit and has made a mark in history."

I urge the United States Postal Service to follow President Obama and Governor Schwarzenegger's lead and issue a commemorative postage stamp recognizing Harvey Milk as a symbol of human rights. That Harvey Milk remains a touchstone of social justice over 30 years after his death shows how enduring his legacy has become.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Hazard".

Nicole Hazard  
Executive Director