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Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
C/O Stamp Development
U.S. Postal Service
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I am writing to support the creation of a Commemorative U.S. Postage Stamp to honor Harvey Milk, the first openly gay person elected to office in the United States of America. Mr. Milk was not only a leader in his community, but a national icon for civil rights and a symbol of progress for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community nation-wide.

As a popular member of the business community in San Francisco, Mr. Milk worked tirelessly to improve his neighborhoods. He transcended the traditional American status quo while advocating for minority groups and demonstrating that openly gay members of society can be affective leaders in our communities. Mr. Milk is an important political figure in our nation's history and deserves to have a commemorative stamp commissioned in order to honor his achievements and legacy.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Van Bramer
New York City Council Member