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Statement on Transgender Service Ban

[Washington, DC Tuesday, January 27, 2025] - Out in National Security (ONS) CEO Luke Schleusener issued the below statement after the Trump Administration released a new executive order banning transgender individuals from serving in the military.

“This executive order—banning thousands of qualified transgender servicemembers—will make America less safe, plain and simple.

“Transgender servicemembers currently fulfill vital roles across the U.S. military. At a time of unprecedented threats around the world and recruitment challenges here at home, discharging these servicemembers will erode our military deterrence and cost American taxpayers by creating administrative confusion, harming unit cohesion, and worsening critical skill gaps.

“The integrity of America’s All-Volunteer Force and the safety of the American people should never be traded away in service of the new Administration’s political agenda. ONS will continue to work alongside our partners to strengthen U.S. national security by supporting the contributions of LGBTQ+ servicemembers and seeking to reverse this dangerous executive order.”

About Out in National Security

Out in National Security is an eight-year-old 501(c)3 professional association for LGBTQIA+ people across the national security enterprise. We work to recruit, retain, and promote LGBTQIA+ persons, change law, custom, and



policy to secure equal opportunity; build community, partnerships, and educate the public. Learn more at <https://www.outinnationalsecurity.org> and follow @OutInNatSec on [BlueSky](#) or [Instagram](#).

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