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Dear Service Member:

A few weeks ago, I asked you to participate in the 2010 Department of Defense Don't Ask, Don't Tell Survey. Thank you if you have already completed it.

If you have not yet responded, please participate. Your responses to this survey will help us assess the impact of a change in the Don't Ask, Don't Tell law and associated policy on military readiness, effectiveness and unit cohesion, should such a change occur. The end result: more informed decisions.

Remember that this survey is confidential and your answers will not be linked to your personal identity. No one associated with the Department of Defense will have access to identifiable data. Also, to further protect your privacy, we have obtained a Certificate of Confidentiality from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Under this certificate, the company giving the survey cannot be forced, for example by court order or subpoena, to disclose information that might identify you in federal, state, local, civil, criminal, legislative, administrative, or other proceedings.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey and, more importantly, for your service to our Nation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert M. Gates".

