WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr released the following statement regarding Tuesday's Department of Defense testimony on the "don't ask, don't tell" policy:

"I applaud the administration's moves to repeal ‘don't ask, don't tell.' This outrageous policy is morally repugnant and bleeds our military of talented individuals at a time when we need every resource available.

"I urge the Pentagon to accelerate its review of the change, but in the end a repeal of the policy will require an act of Congress. I'll continue my work in the House to pass the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

"I'm an original co-sponsor of the House legislation, which had 187 members supporting it as of Tuesday. Unfortunately, only one Republican has signed onto the bill. I believe legislation overturning this anti-gay policy is long overdue and I look forward to swift action."

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