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REPS. MARK SPREITZER, JOCASTA ZAMARRIPA STATEMENT ON TRUMP MILITARY BAN

MADISON- Today, President Donald Trump announced that the United States would no longer allow members of the transgender community to serve "in any capacity" in the United States military. In response, Reps. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) and JoCasta Zamarripa (D-Milwaukee) issued the following statements:

"Love of country and sense of duty do not change based on one's gender identity. The transgender community is full of brave, patriotic Americans who have served, currently serve, or are eager to serve in our country's armed forces. The President's short-sighted and bigoted policy to ban transgender servicepeople shows that he cannot and should not be trusted to be Commander-In-Chief."— Rep. Mark Spreitzer

"I have great respect for all LGBT patriots who volunteer to serve our country. To my transgender brothers and sisters who love our country and wish to serve it, I am truly sorry. Your commitment to service is valid and honorable, not a burden. Once again, the President's actions do not reflect the values of our diverse and inclusive nation."— Rep. JoCasta Zamarripa