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LETTER TO COMMISSION
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TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: June 11, 2010

SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Bill Nelson in Response to Transmittal Resolution 2010-27379 adopted by the Miami Beach City Commission at its May 12, 2010 Commission Meeting

Attached is a letter from Senator Nelson dated May 17, 2010, in response to the transmitted resolution sent by the City Clerk's Office per your directive, regarding the nation's policy concerning members of the gay community serving in the military.

A certified copy of the Resolution was also transmitted to President Barack Obama, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Senator George Lemieux, and The Miami-Dade County United States Congressional Legislative Delegation.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305.673.7411.

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Attachment



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

May 17, 2010

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

Mr. Robert E. Parcher
City Clerk
City of Miami Beach
1700 Convention Center Dr.
Miami, Florida 33139

Dear Mr. Parcher:

Thank you for contacting me about the nation's policy concerning members of the gay community serving in the military.

In 1993, laws and regulations provided that gay and lesbian servicemembers were not to be asked about, nor allowed to discuss, their sexual preference. On March 3, 2010, Senator Lieberman introduced the Military Readiness Enhancement Act, S. 3065, in the Senate. S. 3065 would repeal the current laws and regulations concerning sexual preference in the Armed Services. On October 10, 2009, the President stated that he will end Don't Ask Don't Tell; he reiterated that message during his State of the Union address. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I will consider all arguments about changing this policy.

I will keep your views in mind if this legislation is considered in the Senate. If you have any additional concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me in the future.

Sincerely,

P.S. From time to time, I compile electronic news briefs highlighting key issues and hot topics of particular importance to Floridians. If you'd like to receive these e-briefs, visit my Web site and sign up for them at <http://billnelson.senate.gov/news/ebriefs.cfm>

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