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CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

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Mr. Kevin Neyland
Deputy Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Neyland:

In accordance with title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1320.13, "Emergency Processing," the Department of Defense requests emergency processing and approval of a public information collection requirement. The purpose of this overall collection effort, TAB A, is to obtain an independent analysis that will identify all significant impacts that a repeal of the law, commonly known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" (DADT), would have on military readiness, unit cohesion, morale and family readiness. This particular survey focuses on the perspective of armed forces' spouses. The Paperwork Reduction Act submission package and the Statement of Determination for emergency processing are at Enclosures (1) and (2) respectively.

The Department of Defense cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures under title 5, CFR, Part 1320.13. The use of normal procedures under title 5, CFR, Part 1320.13, is likely to delay or disrupt the collection of the information and impact the Department of Defense Comprehensive Review Working Group's ability to fulfill its tasking by the Secretary of Defense to study the impact of repeal of the law and report findings by December 1, 2010. The information collection is essential to the mission of the Department. Given this, the Department is requesting emergency approval by July 21, 2010.

The point of contact for this action is Ms. Patricia Toppings, the DoD Clearance Officer, at 703-696-5284.

Sincerely,

David M. Wennergren
DoD Deputy Chief Information Officer

Enclosures:
As stated

