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Retired Military Officers Call for Withdrawal of Mark Green's Nomination as Secretary of the Army

Record of Intolerance and Division Is a Threat to Military Values

SAN FRANCISCO, CA - 10 retired Flag and General Officers released the following statement today calling for the withdrawal of Mark Green's nomination as Secretary of the Army:

"As retired Flag and General Officers, we believe Mark Green is unfit to serve as the next Secretary of the Army. State Senator Green has a history of demeaning LGBT Americans, Latinos, and Muslims, and of denying basic healthcare to women. The military we served embraces diversity as a critical component of readiness, and relies on a diverse fighting force to protect a nation founded on the principles of tolerance and inclusion.

"We acknowledge Mark Green's military service record, which otherwise and standing alone would be considered a plus in a nominee. However, his statements and actions since that service disparage thousands of men and women who have also served the Army admirably and honorably. Mark Green's professional history suggests that he is not prepared to treat all military members and their families with the respect and dignity they have earned. Appointing him to lead the largest branch of our military would undercut Secretary Mattis's efforts to strengthen our armed forces and would risk creating uncertainty, favoritism and unequal standards.

"We urge President Trump to withdraw his nomination as Secretary of the Army immediately."

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