

January 19, 2011

The Honorable Richard Burr
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Burr,

Congratulations on your victory. Jim and I were proud of your success and enjoyed being a part of it.

However, this letter is in reference to your recent vote on Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT). We were out of town with family for Christmas but were dismayed to read the headlines of the *Charlotte Observer*. The article included your response, (correct me if it was misquoted) *"that this was a generational thing and inevitable and therefore my vote was the right thing to do."*

As you serve on the Veteran's Affairs and Armed Services Committees, you are surely aware that you voted for something that is illegal (both sodomy and same sex marriage) in North Carolina. On our numerous military installations, you are sanctioning illegal behavior, not to mention that 71% of your constituents (Civitas Poll) believe homosexuality is morally wrong. Even the generals at the Pentagon are not in agreement over this. I know many members of the military who disapprove and have asked us about your vote on this issue.

Please understand, Jim and I do not hate homosexuals. In fact, we love them more because their addictive and unhealthy lifestyle shortens their lifespan by more than 20 years and costs the taxpayers high dollars for treatment and extensive health costs relating to their unnatural and illegal behaviors. Jim spent 35 years as a Flight Surgeon in the North Carolina Air National Guard; we know wherein we speak. In addition, it not only undermines the military esprit de corps; it undermines the family unit as a whole. It undermines our freedom to practice our religion when we are prejudged as discriminatory by the leaders of our country and bigots by gays and lesbians. It undermines the way my children and grandchildren are taught gender differences in their schools and in the community. I want them taught according to my Christian morals and not those of a post modern society.

Your belief that embryonic stem cell research is morally correct (it is not), behooves us to ask, "What other moral issues are you willing to compromise for political posture?" Your response in metaphor – *if the river is rising and a flood is inevitable, is it the right thing to do to jump in the rising water and struggle not to drown, rather than try to stem the flood and build the river banks to control the raging waters?"*

As the Concerned Women for America of North Carolina (CWA) Associate Director and former Board Member of CWA, I know that there are many among our over 500,000 members nationwide and over 16,000 members in North Carolina, who feel bewildered and betrayed by your willingness to compromise on morality issues as our favored Senator in North Carolina. Since our return home after the holidays, many are calling and e-mailing me since we are pronounced Burr supporters. Even our family members (from California, Arizona, Washington, D.C., and North Carolina) are asking for an explanation.

I would be most appreciative if you would please respond to my letter and deep concerns relating to this issue. Thank you for your time, interest and prompt response so that I can share with my friends and colleagues your personal reasoning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Frances Forrester".

Mary Frances Forrester
Associate State Director

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