Today, Congressman Quigley delivered the following remarks on the House floor:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reaffirm my commitment to an immediate repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.

I applaud the Department of Defense for initiating a plan, but I remain deeply disappointed that instead of moving forward immediately, we’re on hold.

We’re spending millions on a thirty-two page survey, asking service members how they feel about the repeal when polls show that this is unnecessary.

What’s worse, as a country founded on liberty and equality, we’re denying basic human rights to some of our brave men and women who are defending those very principles.

Unlike twenty-five of our allies, including every original NATO signatory other than the US and Turkey, we have not ended discrimination.

Experts say what is needed is not a study, but rather a quick and authoritative, top-down repeal. Our military leaders must act now before our pace destroys our mission.

Thank you and I yield back."