WASHINGTON - Today, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (D-IL) issued the following statement after a U.S. District Court in California ruled the military’s “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy unconstitutional:

“It has been painfully obvious for a long time that the ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ policy undermines America’s longstanding commitment to equality, and the U.S. District Court in California has now confirmed that it explicitly violates the vision of this country put forth by our founding fathers. I applaud the Court’s decision, and urge the Senate to follow the lead of the House and repeal this morally repugnant—and now unconstitutional—policy. It’s time for the Pentagon to realize it doesn’t need a 32-page questionnaire to do what’s right for both our sense of justice and our national security. It’s time to end ‘Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell’ today.”