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As an organization committed to issues of social justice, Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS) stands in solidarity with the transgender community and opposes the Trump administration's implementation of policies banning transgender persons from military service. We stridently denounce the 5-4 decision issued by the Supreme Court which allows the ban on transgender military service to proceed while challenges to the policy play out in the lower courts. It is a dangerous decision sanctioning discrimination and harassment of transpersons in the military and society at large.

The policy reinstating restrictions of transgender persons from enlisting in the U.S. Armed Forces legitimizes efforts to rescind and deny transgender persons protections guaranteed through a variety of federal, state, and local laws.

We recognize that the implementation of this policy will not only be used to deny transpersons the opportunity to serve in the military, but it will help embolden a broader climate of discrimination, harassment, and violence against transgender people.

MALCS therefore denounces the governmental, judicial, and legislative efforts to deny transgender persons the dignity and respect they deserve. While we do not agree with the priorities and actions of the military industrial complex, we do stand firmly with transgender persons in the fight to gain and protect their human rights.

In Solidarity,

Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS) Executive Committee
(on behalf of its membership)