Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) made the following statement after she voted to repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”:

“A recently released Pentagon study showed what many of us have known and argued for years. Letting gays and lesbians serve openly in the armed services will not have a significant impact on troop morale or unit cohesion. I hope this report puts that question to rest for many in Congress who are fighting this change even though nearly 80 percent of Americans support repealing this flawed and out-dated policy.

“We’ve seen support from the top to the bottom of the Pentagon to repeal this policy that stands in direct opposition to the military’s high standards of honor and integrity because it forces patriotic Americans to lie about who they are.

“It is my hope that the Senate acts swiftly to bring justice for gay and lesbian service members.”

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