

Rep. Ellen Tauscher Responds to Derogatory Remarks by Joint Chiefs Chairman Peter Pace

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Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Ellen Tauscher, Chairman of the House Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee, responded to the comments by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Peter Pace that “homosexual acts between two individuals are immoral.” Her remarks follow below:

“I am disturbed and disgusted by General Pace’s most recent comments on morality. I cannot accept that a man who has played a critical role in carrying out a war without a plan, without an exit strategy, and in which our servicemen and women were sent to fight without proper body armor and armored vehicles has any standing to judge what should be considered moral.

“It is appalling that while the President is promoting sending more troops to Iraq and Afghanistan, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs would attack gay and lesbian members of our armed forces who are second-to-none in their bravery, sacrifice and commitment to serving America. General Pace owes an apology to all men and women in uniform; he should tell them that their service is deeply valued by our nation regardless of their sexual orientation.”

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