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The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C., 20510

Dear Senator Merkley:

On behalf of the American Foreign Service Association (AFSA) and the 31,000 active-duty and retired members of the Foreign Service that we represent, I would like to thank you for introducing S. 815, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2013.

Your bill seeks to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender. AFSA is highly supportive of this effort to protect all Americans against discrimination in the workplace.

As the voice of the Foreign Service, we would like to state our support for the bill and to let you know that we are sending letters to your colleagues in the Senate urging them to vote yes on S. 815 and finally pass comprehensive workplace protection.

Once again, thank you for your leadership and support. Should you have any suggestions on how AFSA can further support your efforts, please have someone from your staff contact our Director of Advocacy Javier Cuebas at (202) 944-5517 or cuebas@afsa.org.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Silverman
President