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Dr. Jillian T. Weiss Soon To Join Other Transgender Activists In The Wilderness

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Abstract

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Have we failed to lobby Congress? Frank gave not a scintilla of evidence to support his accusations. In fact, one need only take a look at the blogs to see many, many stories about the efforts people are taking to call and write their Congressmembers. Advocacy organizations like the National Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and the National Center for Transgender Equality were busy organizing phone banks and working with local communities in target districts last Fall. There is lots of evidence that our community has spent a great deal of time and effort and money in lobbying Congress. There is also evidence that Congress has been busy ignoring us.

Are you trying to lead us, Representative Frank, or to intimidate us? I know you're one of the most powerful U.S. Representatives and all, but with all due respect, cut the malarkey."

Representative Barney Frank is laying the groundwork for our exclusion. First it was his mention of bathrooms:

"There continues to be concerns on the part of many members about the transgender issue, particularly about the question of places where people are without their clothes -- showers, bathrooms, locker rooms, etc.," said Frank. "We still have this issue about what happens when people who present themselves as one sex but have the physical characteristics of the other sex, what rules govern what happens in locker rooms, showers, etc."

The really disgusting part of that is it is THE VERY THING that homophobic people use to scare others about “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell”. Now he’s publicly pinning the blame on the community while the “LG-bt” non-profit industrial complex turns a deaf ear. Now that the National Center for Transgender Equality is a part of the LCCR, one has to wonder how much of a fight they can put up in fighting our exclusion. Frank will pay no political price for shaming the community because those who’s living is based on getting gay money, won’t shit where they eat.

By speaking truth to power, Weiss puts herself outside of that group. The Washington whisper campaign already has been swirling about her, that she she is a “loose cannon”. If anyone needs a score card of the current transactivist meme:

- Vanessa Edwards Foster - batshit insane
- Denise Leclair - impossible to work with
- Dawn Wilson & Monica Roberts - violent racists
- Katrina Rose - combative with violent tendencies
- Pauline Park - abrasive and unworkable
- Monica Helms obnoxious loose cannon
- Marti Abernathey - chaotic and disruptive
- Gwen Smith - sullen and depressive

I’m sorry they’re doing this to her, but at least she’s in good company.

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