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Subject: BREAKING NEWS: Trump bans transgender individuals from U.S. military service

The U.S. military will no longer allow transgender individuals to serve "in any capacity," President Donald Trump announced on Twitter Wednesday morning.

"After consultation with my Generals and military experts, please be advised that the United States Government will not accept or allow Transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military," Trump wrote online, breaking his message up into multiple posts. "Our military must be focused on decisive and overwhelming victory and cannot be burdened with the tremendous medical costs and disruption that transgender in the military would entail. Thank you."

The announcement represents a reversal of an Obama-era policy established last June by former Defense Secretary Ash Carter, who shifted Pentagon policy to allow transgender troops to serve openly. Last month, Defense Secretary James Mattis announced that the Pentagon would delay his predecessor's order through the remainder of 2017 in order to review the impact of the shift.

Read more: <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/07/26/trump-transgender-240980>

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Three Senate Republicans said Tuesday they will vote against a key procedural motion to take up a measure to repeal Obamacare without a replacement, dooming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's latest plans to salvage a GOP health bill.

The opposition from GOP Sens. Shelley Moore Capito, Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins came a day after Senate Republicans' bill to repeal and replace Obamacare collapsed.

McConnell said Tuesday that he would still move to hold a vote soon, which would put senators on the record.

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