

Support for enacting LGBTQ nondiscrimination protections into law in our nation is at an all-time high. A [supermajority](#) of Americans, including nearly [70 percent](#) of conservatives, support nondiscrimination protections. The Equality Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this year with bipartisan support. President Joe Biden has vowed to sign the bill into law. Current and former Republican elected officials are [calling](#) for LGBTQ nondiscrimination protections.

Now, the U.S. Senate must act. As the leaders of LGBTQ state and local organizations, we understand the urgent need to enact the Equality Act into law, and the dramatic impact finally ensuring comprehensive and explicit legal protections will have on the communities we represent. We collectively call on the Senate to bring the Equality Act to the floor and get this broadly supported and commonsense legislation over the finish line.

The Equality Act, a landmark LGBTQ nondiscrimination and civil rights bill, would update existing federal laws to protect people from discrimination based on their sexual orientation and gender identity. Like all people, LGBTQ Americans need to access legal services and go to the store, bank, hospital, and other public places. The Equality Act would strengthen existing protections for everyone, including women and people of color, by updating the public spaces and services covered in current law. It would also codify the recent Supreme Court decision in *Bostock* by explicitly stating that existing federal civil rights laws that prohibit sex discrimination also protect LGBTQ people. The Equality Act is a vital next step in ensuring the promise of equal opportunity and freedom is provided to all of us, regardless of what state, city, or town we call home.

Although 21 states and more than 330 cities have passed LGBTQ nondiscrimination protections, half of LGBTQ people live in the 29 states that still lack express, comprehensive statewide laws. As organizations working in the states and cities that LGBTQ people call home, we know this patchwork of protections is unsustainable and leaves too many people behind.

This isn't just about federal politics—it's about people, including our friends, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow worshippers in cities and states outside of Washington, D.C. We are hearing from Americans in communities across the country, and they are demanding their leaders prioritize passing the Equality Act. America is ready. From California to New York to Alaska to Florida, we, the organizations working directly with the people of this country, remain united in our efforts to finish the job. We compel Congress to act now to protect the people who elected them.

The need for comprehensive protections for the LGBTQ community is clear. Including LGBTQ Americans in civil rights protections would mark the most sweeping legislative victory for LGBTQ people in American history. The Equality Act will immeasurably improve the day-to-day lives of LGBTQ community members in every zip code and bring the nation closer to its promise of liberty and justice for all. As state and local organizations, we commit to doing our part to ensure the public's demand for passage of the Equality Act is heard all across the country.

A future is in sight where no American in any part of the country is left vulnerable to discrimination because of who they are or who they love. We stand united to make it so.

Affirmations

Alaskans Together for Equality

All Under One Roof LGBT Advocates of Southeastern Idaho

Alliance For Full Acceptance

Atlanta Pride Committee

Basic Rights Oregon

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

Brave Space Alliance

Brooklyn Community Pride Center

Campaign for Southern Equality

CANDLE

Center on Halsted

CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers

Colors+

Compass LGBTQ Community Center

Damien Center

Eastern PA Trans Equity Project

Equal Rights Washington

Equality Arizona

Equality California

Equality Community Center

Equality Delaware

Equality Florida

Equality Illinois

Equality Kansas

Equality Maine

Equality Michigan

Equality Nevada

Equality New Mexico

Equality North Carolina

Equality Ohio Education Fund

Equality South Dakota

Equality Texas

Equality Utah

Equality Virginia

Erie County Democratic Party LGBTQIA+ Caucus

Erie Gay News

Erie Mayor's LGBTQIA+ Advisory Council

Erie Sisters and Brothers

Fair Wisconsin

Fairness Alliance and Information Resources of New York, Inc. (FAIRNY)

Fairness Campaign
Fairness West Virginia
Forum for Equality
Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center
Freedom Oklahoma
FreeState Justice
Full Spectrum Health LCC
Garden State Equality
Gay City: Seattle's LGBTQ Center
Gender Benders
Georgia Equality
Grand Rapids Pride Center
Great Lakes Bay Pride
Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE)
Harriet Hancock Center Foundation
Hawaii LGBT Legacy Foundation
Heartland Pride
Henderson Equality Center
Hillcrest Children's Center
Hudson Pride Center
Identity, Inc.
Indiana Youth Group
Inside Out Youth Services
Jackson Pride Center
Jacksonville Coalition for Equality
JASMYN
Lancaster LGBTQ+ Coalition
LGBT Center of Raleigh
LGBT+ Center Orlando, Inc.
LGBTQ Center of Bay County
LGBTQ Support and Social Group USA
LGBTQ+ Allies Lake County
Louisiana Trans Advocates
Mass Equality
Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition
Mississippi Rising Coalition
Montana Human Rights Network
Montgomery PRIDE United/ Bayard Rustin Community Center
Naples Pride
Nashville LGBT Chamber
New Hampshire Stonewall Democrats
NEW Pride Agenda
North County LGBTQ Resource Center
North Dakota Human Rights Coalition
Northwest Arkansas Equality, Inc.

NW PA Pride Alliance
Oasis Center Inc
Oklahomans for Equality
One Colorado
ONE Community
One Iowa
One-n-ten
Out Boulder County
OUT MetroWest
OutCenter of Southwest Michigan
OutFront Kalamazoo
OutFront Minnesota
OutNebraska
Pacific Pride Foundation
Panhandle Equality
Pennsylvania Equality Project
Pennsylvania Youth Congress
PFLAG Hastings
PFLAG Lincoln
PFLAG Nashville
PFLAG-NH
PGH Equality Center
Phoenix Pride
Powered By Rainbows
Pride Center of New Jersey
Pride Center of Staten Island
Pride Center West Texas
Pride Community Services Organization
Prism United
PROMO
Queer Asterisk
Queer Connect, Inc.
QWELL Community Foundation
Rainbow Center
Rainbow Rose Center
Resource Center
Rogue Action Center
Rural Outright
Ryan Sallans, Inc.
Sacramento LGBT Community Center
SAGE Metro Detroit
SAVE
Schuylkill County LGBTQ Club
Seacoast Outright
Shippensburg University Pride Center

Silver State Equality
SOJOURN
Southwest Center
Spencer Pride, Inc.
St. Pete Pride
Stonewall Columbus
Tennessee Equality Project
The Alaska Center Education Fund
The DC Center for the LGBT Community
The Human Rights Alliance Santa Fe
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center
The LGBT Center of Greater Reading
The LGBTQ+ Community Center of Southern Nevada
The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center
The Montrose Center
The Pride Center at Equality Park
The Source LGBT+ Center
The Spahr Center
The Spectrum Center
The Stonewall Inn Gives Back Initiative
Time Out Youth
TransAction NH
TransFamily of NWPA
TransFamily Support Services
Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT)
Transgender Michigan
TransOhio
Triangle Community Center
Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance (UGLA)
Washington County Gay Straight Alliance, Inc.
Waves Ahead Corp
We Are Family
Western Montana LGBTQ+ Community Center
William Way LGBT Community Center
Wyoming Equality
Youth OUTright WNC Inc
Youth Pride, Inc.