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LGBT and ALLIED Groups call on Congress to pass ENDA now

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WASHINGTON, April 21 - Today, the nation's leading lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organizations, along with allies in the faith, labor and civil rights communities, issued the following statement to members of the United States Congress:

"Pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act NOW."

Equality Federation, Toni Broaddus, Executive Director
Family Equality Council, Jennifer Chrisler, Executive Director
Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), Lee Swislow, Executive Director
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National Stonewall Democrats, Michael Mitchell, Executive Director
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays National, Jody M. Huckaby, Executive Director
Pride at Work, AFL-CIO, Peggy Shorey, Executive Director
Out & Equal Workplace Advocates, Selisse Berry, Founding Executive Director
Transgender Law Center, Masen Davis, Executive Director
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers, Terry Stone, Executive Director
Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, Shawn Gaylord, Director of Public Policy
A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI), Clayola Brown, President
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AIDS Action Council, William D. McColl, Political Director
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Alaska Together for Equality, Inc., Elias Rojas, Board President
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American Federation Of Teachers, Randi Weingarten, President
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Arizona Trans Alliance, Erica Keppler, Co-Chair
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Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO (DPE), Paul Almeida, President
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