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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  
Human Rights Campaign, Joe Solmonese, President  
National Black Justice Coalition, Sharon J. Lettman, Executive Director/CEO  
National Center for Lesbian Rights, Kate Kendell, Esq., Executive Director  
National Center for Transgender Equality, Mara Keisling, Executive Director  
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund, Rea Carey, Executive Director  
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  
Advocates for Youth, James Wagoner, President  
African American Ministers in Action, Rev. Timothy McDonald, Chairman  
AID Gwinnett, Larry M. Lehman, Executive Director

AIDS Action Council, William D. McColl, Political Director  
Alabama Gender Alliance, J. D. Freeman, President  
Alaska Together for Equality, Inc., Elias Rojas, Board President  
Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal, Debra Kolodny, Executive Director  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Gerald W. McEntee, President  
American Federation Of Teachers, Randi Weingarten, President  
American Humanist Association, Karen Frantz, Communication and Policy Director  
Arizona Stonewall Democrats, Erica Keppler, Chair  
Arizona Trans Alliance, Erica Keppler, Co-Chair  
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA), Amado Uno, Executive Director  
Association of Flight Attendants - CWA, Patricia Friend, President  
Atlanta Stonewall Democrats, Tim Cairl, President  
Basic Rights Oregon, Jeana Frazzini, Executive Director  
Baystate Stonewall Democrats, Claire Naughton, President  
Bi Writers Association, Sheela Lambert, Founder  
Bisexual Resource Center, Ellyn Ruthstrom, President  
Black Pride Los Angeles, Milton Smith, Board President  
California Council Of Churches/IMPACT, The Rev. Dr. Rick Schlosser, Executive Director  
California Faith for Equality, Kerry Chaplin, Interfaith Organizing Director  
Celtic Circle Church of US and Scotland, Rev. Lord Arteo MacAiken Sneath, Founding Elder Clergy/CEO  
Central City AIDS Network, Inc, The Rainbow Center, Johnny Fambo, Executive Director  
Cleveland Stonewall Democrats, Robert F. Rivera, President  
Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), Karen J. See, President  
COLAGE, Beth Teper, Executive Director  
Colorado Stonewall Democrats, Karen Bachman, Vice-Chair  
Communications Workers of America, Annie Hill, Executive Vice President  
Community Alliance and Action Network, Tim Pierce, President  
Community Health Awareness Council, Monique Kane, Executive Director  
Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Rabbi  
Consortium for Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals, Debbie Bazarisky, Co-Chair  
Coqsure, Cris Land, Founder and Administrator  
DC Trans Coalition, Sadie-Ryanne Baker, Leadership Committee Co-Chair  
Democratic Party of Oregon, Meredith Wood-Smith, Chair  
Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO (DPE), Paul Almeida, President  
DignityUSA, Marianne Duddy-Burke, Executive Director  
Empire State Pride Agenda, Joe Tarver, Interim Executive Director  
Equal Rights Washington, Joshua Friedes, Executive Director  
Equality Alabama, Lori Stabler, Board Co-Chair  
Equality Arizona, Mike Remedi, Co-Chair Board of Directors  
Equality California, Geoff Kors, Executive Director  
Equality Florida, Nadine Smith, Executive Director  
Equality Hawaii, Paul Gracie, Co-Chair  
Equality Illinois, Bernard Cherkasov, Esq., CEO

Equality Iowa, Sandy Vopalka, Founder  
Equality Maine, Betsy Smith, Executive Director  
Equality Maryland, Morgan Meneses-Sheets, Executive Director  
Equality North Carolina, Ian Palmquist, Executive Director  
Equality Ohio, Sue Doerfer, Executive Director  
Equality South Dakota, Robert Doody, Chair  
Equality Texas, Chuck Smith, Interim Executive Director  
Equality Toledo Community Action, David Mann, President  
Fair Housing of Marin, Nancy Kenyon, Executive Director  
Fair Housing Partnership of Greater Pittsburgh, Peter Harvey, Executive Director  
Fair Wisconsin, Katie Belanger, Executive Director  
Fairness West Virginia, Stephen Skinner, President  
Families United Against Hate (FUAH), Gabi Clayton, Board President  
Female-To-Male International, Rabbi Levi Alter, President  
Fight OUT Loud, Waymon Hudson, President  
Florida GLBT Democratic Caucus, Michael Albetta, Caucus President  
Florida Together, Ted Howard, Executive Director  
FORGE, Michael Munson, Executive Director  
Forum For Equality, SarahJane Brady, Managing Director  
Forward Montana, Matt Singer, CEO  
Freedom to Marry, Evan Wolfson, Executive Director  
FTM International Albuquerque, NM Chapter, Adrien Lawyer, Leader  
FTM International Atlanta, GA Chapter, BT, Leader  
FTM International Bay Area, CA AFLOAT-SOFFA Chapter, Genie Moore, Leader  
FTM International North Texas Chapter, Clay Rieber, Leader  
FTM International Ohio Chapter, Jake Nash, Leader  
FTM International Sacramento, CA Chapter, Marty Diaz, Leader  
FTM International San Buenaventura, CA Chapter, Seth Mwansa, Leader  
FTMI International San Diego, CA Chapter, Connor Maddocks, Leader  
Garden State Equality, Steven Goldstein, Chair and CEO  
Gay And Lesbian Labor Activist Network  
Gay & Lesbian Medical Association, Rebecca Allison, MD, President  
Gay City Health Project, Fred Swanson, Executive Director  
Gay Grassroots of Northwest Florida, Doug Landreth, Founder  
Gay Liberation Network, Andy Thayer, Co-Founder  
Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools, Cindy Crane, Executive Director  
Gays and Lesbians United Against Discrimination, Caleb Laieski, Executive Director  
Gay-Straight Alliance Network, Carolyn Laub, Executive Director  
Greater Seattle Business Association GSBA, Louise Chernin, Executive Director  
Gender Justice LA, Latrice Johnson, Executive Director  
Gender Rights Advocacy Association of NJ, Barbra Casbar Siperstein, Director  
Gentle Spirit Christian Church, Rev. Paul M. Turner, Senior Pastor  
Georgia Equality, Jeff Graham, Executive Director  
Georgia Rural Urban Summit, Larry Pellegrini, Executive Director  
Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, Jeffrey D. Richardson, President

GetEQUAL, Kip Williams, Co-Founder  
GLBT Bar Association of Washington, Cynthia Buhr, President  
Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, San Francisco, David Waggoner, Co-President  
H.E.R.O., Meg Sneed, Co-founder  
Holy Sprit Ecumenical Church - Largo, FL, Rev Steven M. Rosczewski, Pastor  
Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Inc, Scott W. Gehl, Executive Director  
Human Rights Campaign of Vanderbilt University, Luis Munoz, President  
Immigration Equality, Julie Kruse, Policy Director  
Ingersoll Gender Center, Marsha Botzer, Co-President  
Integrity USA, John Clinton Bradley, Acting Executive Director  
Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality, The Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge, Co-Chair  
International Court Council, Coco LaChine, President  
International Federation of Black Prides, Inc, Earl Fowlkes, President/CEO  
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, AFL-CIO, James A. Williams, General President  
Jacksonville Now, Jeremy Gould, CEO  
Jefferson County, Colorado, Democratic Party, GLBT Caucus, David Reaser, Chair  
Jewish Family & Career Services - The Rainbow Center in Atlanta, Gary Miller, CEO  
Juxtaposed Center for Transformation, Inc, Tracee McDaniel, Executive Director  
Kalamazoo Gay Lesbian Resource Center, Antonio David Garcia, Executive Director  
Kentucky Fairness Alliance, Travis Myles, Chairperson  
Keshet, Idit Klein, Executive Director  
KnoxBoyz of East Tennessee, BEAR A-M Rodgers, Founding Executive Director  
KnoxGirlz of East Tennessee, Deirdre Radcliffe, Executive Director  
Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA), Hector E. Sanchez, Executive Director  
LaGender Inc, Dee Dee Chamblee, Executive Director  
Lambda Legal, Kevin Cathcart, Executive Director  
Lavender Caucus SEIU, Eastern Region, Tony Fernandes, President  
Legal Aid Services of Broward County, Anthony J. Karrat, Esq., Executive Director  
Legal Aid Society - Employment Law Center, Joan M. Graff, President  
Legal Voice, Lisa Stone, Executive Director  
Lepoco Peace Center, Nancy Tate, Executive Director  
Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club of Queens (LGBDQ), Bruce Friedman, President  
Lesbian and Gay Family Building Project, Claudia E. Stallman, Project Director  
LGBT Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Virginia, Roland Winston, Chairman  
Long Island Housing Services, Michelle Santantonio, Executive Director  
Love Makes a Family PAC, Martin L. Heft, Chairman  
Lutherans Concerned/North America, Ross Murray, Interim Executive Director  
Maine Transgender Network, Inc, Alex Roan, Executive Director  
Massachusetts Lesbian & Gay Bar Association, David Eppley, Co-Chair  
Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition, Gunner Scott, Executive Director  
Mautner Project: The National Lesbian Health Organization, Leslie J. Calman, Ph.D., Executive Director  
MEGA Family Project, Kathy Kelly, Executive Director  
Metropolitan Community Churches, The Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Moderator

Miami Valley Fair Housing Center, Inc., Jim McCarthy, President/CEO  
Michigan AIDS Coalition, Detroit, Michigan, Craig Covey, Operating Officer  
More Light Presbyterians, Michael J. Adey, Executive Director  
NAACP, Hilary O. Shelton, Director NAACP Washington Bureau & Senior VP for Advocacy and Policy  
National Caucus SEIU, Tom Barbera, President  
National Coalition for LGBT Health, Rebecca Fox, Executive Director  
National Council of Jewish Women, Nancy Ratzan, President  
National Fair Housing Alliance, Shanna L. Smith, President and CEO  
National Marriage Boycott, Laura Wadden, Executive Director  
National Organization for Women - Alabama, Shirley Ann Rawls, President  
National Student Genderblind Campaign, David Norton, Executive Director  
National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC), Gregory Varnum, Executive Director  
New Hampshire Freedom to Marry Coalition, Mo Baxley, Executive Director  
New Mexico GLBTQ Centers, David Stocum, Executive Director  
New York Association for Gender Rights Advocacy (NYAGRA), Pauline Park, Chair  
New York Transgender Rights Organization (NYTRO), Joann Prinzivalli, Executive Director  
Northwest PA Trans Group, Joanne Lynn Benjamin, Founder  
Office & Professional Employees International Union (OPEIU), Nancy Wohlforth, Secretary-Treasurer Emerita  
One Colorado, Lea Ann Purvis, Interim Executive Director  
Our Family Coalition, Judy Appel, Executive Director  
Out4Immigration, Amos Lim, Founding Board Member  
OutFront Minnesota, Amy Johnson, Executive Director  
Outlet Program, Eileen Ross, Director  
Outright Vermont, Melissa Murray, Executive Director  
PA Diversity Network, Liz Bradbury, Executive Director  
Palm Beach County Human Rights Council, Rand Hoch, President and Founder  
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexual and Transgender Individuals of Jacksonville, FL, Frieda Saraga, President  
People For the American Way, Michael B. Keegan, President  
Perpetual Transition, Casey Lanham, Co-Founder  
PFLAG-Vero Beach, Carl Burns, Treasurer  
Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center, Ryan Acker, Executive Director  
Pride At Work, Martin Luther King County WA Chapter, Mike Andrews, Secretary-Treasurer, Chapter Lead  
Pride Tampa Bay, R. Zeke Fread, Executive Director  
PROMO (Missouri), A. J. Bockelman, Executive Director  
Religious Institute, The Reverend Debra W. Haffner, Executive Director  
Respect Resource Group, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Randy Kammer, Executive Sponsor  
Rockway Institute, a unit of the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, San Francisco campus, Robert-Jay Green, Executive Director  
Room for All (Reformed Church in America), Rev. Robert D. Williams, Founding Co-President  
RU12? Community Center and Vermont TransAction, Kara DeLeonardis, MSW, LICSW,

Executive Director

S. U. R. E. Foundation, Dr. Mekah Gordon Ph.D., Founder/CEO

Safe Schools Coalition, Kyle Rapinan, Co-chair

San Francisco LGBT Community Center, Rebecca Rolfe, Executive Director

Santa Cruz County Task Force for LGBTIQ Youth, Stuart Rosenstein, Chair

SEIU 509 Lavender Caucus, Tom Barbera, President

Service Employees International Union, Anna Burger, International Secretary Treasurer

Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S. (SIECUS), Joseph DiNorcia Jr., President and CEO

SOFFAs of East Tennessee Transgenders, Valerie Knight, Executive Director

South Bay Transmen, Lance Moore, Organizer

South Carolina Equality, B. Dean Pierce, Chair, Board of Directors

Stonewall Democratic Club of New York, Joseph G. Hagelmann, III, President

Stonewall Democratic Club of Southern Nevada, Derek Washington, Chair

Stonewall Democrats of Volusia & Flagler, Larry Glinzman, President

Stonewall Democrats of Pasco County, Jocelyn A. Dickman, President

Sunshine Social Services, Inc/SunServe, Mark Adler, MPH, Executive Director

Tennessee Equality Project, H.G. Stovall, Board President

Tennessee Equality Project Foundation, Randy Cox, President/Chair

Tennessee Transgender Political Coalition, Marisa Richmond, Ph.D., President

Tennessee Vals, Vickie Davis, Chair Woman

The American Institute of Bisexuality, Denise Penn MSW, Director

The Center (Des Moines, Iowa), Sandy Vopalka, Administrator

The Center for HIV Law and Policy, Catherine Hanssens, Executive Director

The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry (CLGS), Bernard Schlager, Ph.D., Executive Director

The Crystal Club, Barbie Rogers, President

The Family Tree LGBT Community Center, Jim Van Riper, Co-Chair

The Institute for Judaism and Sexual Orientation, Hebrew Union Collage-Jewish Institute of Religion, Dr. Joel Kushner, Director

The Pride Center at Equality Park, Paul Hyman, Executive Director

Trans/Giving Arts Showcase, Kalil Cohen, Lead Organizer

Trans-Action Initiative of Bard College, Kira Gilman, Club Head

TransActive Education & Advocacy, Jenn Burleton, Executive Director

Transgender at Work, Mary Ann Horton, Chair

Transgender Education Network of Texas, Lisa Scheps, Executive Director

Transgender Equality Rights Initiative (TERI), Jacqui Charvet, Co-Administrator

Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund, Michael Silverman, Executive Director

TransOhio, Shane Morgan, Founder & Chair

Triangle Community Center, Norwalk, CT, Christopher J. Spiegelman, Board President

Triangle Foundation/Michigan Equality, Alicia Skillman, Executive Director

Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce, Sheldon Fishman, President

UNITE HERE International Union, John Wilhelm, President

United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries, Rev. M. Linda Jaramillo, Executive Minister

Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, CA, Rev. Lindi Ramsden, Executive Director  
Vermont Freedom to Marry Action Committee, Beth Robinson, Chair  
Washington Gender Alliance, Rory Gould, President  
Western Mass Pride at Work, David James, President  
WKJCE TLGB Radio, Alanna Maneer, Co Founder  
Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER), Mary E. Hunt, Executive Director  
YouthPride, Inc, Terence McPhaul, Executive Director

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