

# Respect for Marriage Act (RMA) Letter

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We, the undersigned organizations and leaders, represent millions of families that need passage of the Respect for Marriage Act (RMA) as soon as possible.

The RMA is popular, bipartisan federal legislation that would protect marriages of same-sex and interracial couples. The measure passed the U.S. House of Representatives in July 2022 with support from 47 Republicans and every Democrat – and momentum is growing on both sides of the aisle for the Senate to act in the days ahead. This legislation would maintain the status quo and protect families by repealing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), ensuring that all federal benefits are available to married couples no matter where they live, and ensuring that states give full faith and credit to all validly celebrated marriages.

Marriage is about love, commitment, and family. People from all walks of life value the freedom to marry and believe all families should have certainty and the freedom to live without fear. In fact, support for marriage equality for same-sex couples is at 71 percent – an all-time high. This legislation is an important opportunity to reaffirm the freedom to marry and protect the millions of families nationwide who deserve to have their marriages protected and respected under the law.

Passing the Respect for Marriage Act is a vital step Congress can take to protect LGBTQ families, who deserve stability in their families and all areas of their daily life. We call on the Senate to act swiftly and pass the Respect for Marriage Act as soon as possible, and we pledge to work alongside members of the Senate to ensure that diverse LGBTQ people, particularly those who are most marginalized, are respected in all areas of daily life

Signed:

- Freedom for All Americans
- National Center for Transgender Equality
- Ethos
- MassEquality
- Y2Y Network
- SpeakOUT Boston
- Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition
- GLSEN
- Hispanic Federation
- United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Be A Hero
- National Council of Jewish Women
- National Employment Law Project
- Physicians for Reproductive Health
- MassEquality
- Indivisible
- Prosperity Now
- Keshet
- Equality Federation
- NASTAD
- PFLAG National
- Alliance for Full Acceptance
- National Women's Law Center
- Tennessee Equality Project
- Illinois Accountability Initiative
- TransOhio
- Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
- Georgia Equality
- Transgender Legal Defense and Education Fund
- Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
- Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action

- Family Equality
- Waves Ahead Puerto Rico
- National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives
- Erie Gay News
- CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers
- OutCenter Southwest Michigan
- North County LGBTQ Resource Center
- OutNebraska
- Eastern PA Trans Equity Project
- The Atlanta Pride Committee
- Latino Community Fund INC. (LCF Georgia)
- Represent GA Action Network Inc
- Hope CommUnity Center
- Mi Familia Vota
- Georgia Stand-Up
- Colors+
- Rainbow Center
- Temple Emanu-El
- 1000 Women Strong
- Movement Advancement Project
- Georgia Youth Justice Coalition
- Metro Atlanta TransParent
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Wyoming Equality
- Equality California
- Silver State Equality
- Pride at Work
- PROMO (Missouri)
- Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER)
- Advocates for Youth
- National Association of Social Workers

- SEIU Local 500
- Pride At Work
- SEIU Lavender Caucus
- SAVE – Safeguarding American Values for Everyone
- National Coalition for LGBTQ Health
- CA LGBTQ Health and Human Services Network
- Oasis Legal Services
- Modern Military Association of America
- The Center For Sexuality & Gender Diversity
- Campaign for Southern Equality
- Public Citizen
- Alaskans Together For Equality
- Center for Disability Rights
- Lake Oconee Community Church
- Affirming Neurodiversity
- Still Bisexual
- North Dakota Human Rights Coalition
- El Centro Hispano, Inc.
- Commission on LGBTQ+ Ministry, Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta
- Compass LGBTQ Community Center
- Equality Virginia
- Pride Center of Staten Island
- NA
- Equality Illinois
- Red River Rainbow Seniors
- United We Dream
- Equality Utah
- Human Rights Campaign
- Jewish Student Union
- Pittsburgh Equality Center
- Sunrise Therapy Services

- SEIU Western Region Lavender Caucus
- Lyon-Martin Community Health Services
- COLAGE
- Western Montana LGBTQ+ Community Center
- El Pueblo
- FAIRNY
- Voto Latino
- Youth OUTright WNC
- Lambda Legal
- Somos Familia Valle
- Feminist Women's Health Center
- Los Angeles LGBT Center
- Stonewall Columbus, Inc
- Unity North Atlanta
- AMEXCAN
- National Black Justice Coalition
- the Montrose Center
- El Vínculo Hispano/The Hispanic Liaison
- Ricky's Pride Political Action Committee
- FORGE, Inc.
- Justice in Aging
- YWCA Southeastern MA
- Grand Rapids Pride Center
- American Federation of Teachers
- MomsRising
- SEIU Local 668
- The Gerontological Society of America
- Sakhi for South Asian Women
- Breaktime
- Center on Halsted
- One Iowa

- Medicare Rights Center
- Justice in Aging
- Resident Scholar, Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center
- Indiana Youth Group
- Great Lakes Bay Pride
- People For the American Way
- GLAAD
- LGBT+ Center Orlando, Inc.
- EqualityMaine
- Interfaith Alliance
- Fenway Health
- New Georgia Project Action Fund
- Transgender Michigan
- First Focus on Children
- Black and Pink MA
- SAGE
- A Better Balance
- National Resource Center on Domestic Violence
- GALEO Impact Fund
- NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
- National Association of Counsel for Children
- Hugh Lane Wellness Foundation
- Howard Brown Health
- National Center for Lesbian Rights
- Immigrants' Assistance Center, Inc.
- LGBTQ Victory Fund
- Americans United for Separation of Church and State
- Equality Michigan
- Leadership SouthCoast
- ENC – Equality NC
- OutFront Minnesota

- Minority Veterans of America
- Jobs to Move America
- National Organization for Women
- Hispanics In Philanthropy
- LGBTQ Center OC
- Stop Sexual Assault in Schools
- Equality California
- Athlete Ally
- Rainbow Rose Center
- The Spahr Center
- SisterSong The National Women of Color Reproductive Justice Coalition
- Juxtaposed Center for Transformation, Inc
- American Atheists
- Child Welfare League of America
- Coyote RI
- SER-National
- Na
- True Colors United
- Voices for Progress
- One Colorado
- Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (CAASE)
- True North Research
- S.A.V.E.
- one-n-ten
- LGBTQ+ Family Connections Center
- Pride Community Center of North Central Florida
- Transinclusive Group
- SunServe
- The Equality Crew
- Pride Center San Antonio
- Tahirih Justice Center

- SPLC Action
- The History Project: Documenting LGBTQ Boston
- GLAAD
- LGBT Center of Greater Reading
- Positive Women's Network-USA
- Legal Aid at Work
- The Source LGBT+ Center
- Sacramento LGBT Community Center
- Freedom Oklahoma
- Rainbow Bridge Community Center
- Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation
- TGI Network of Rhode Island
- Erie County Democratic Party LGBTQIA+ Caucus
- YWCA
- The Metropolitan Community Churches
- Metropolitan Community Churches
- Pacific Pride Foundation
- Diversity Center of Oklahoma Inc.
- Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice
- Pride Center of Staten Island
- Magic City Acceptance Center
- Pittsburgh Equality Center
- Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley
- The Human Rights Alliance
- GenderNexus
- The Rainbow Bridge Community Center
- Martha Briggs Educational Club
- Metropolitan Community Churches
- PRISM FL, Inc
- We Are Family
- Main Street Alliance



- Equality South Dakota
- New Bedford Women's Center
- LGBTQ+ Community Center of Southern Nevada
- Ace and Aro Alliance of Central Ohio
- LUXX Events and Rentals
- Star City Pride
- American Psychological Association
- UFMCC
- SAGE-RI
- None
- MCC of Baton Rouge
- Seattle's LGBTQ+ Center (formerly Gay City)
- Muncie OUTreach
- MCCBR
- Native Movement
- Dakota OutRight
- Uptown Gay and Lesbian Alliance (UGLA)
- TAKE
- Montgomery Pride United/ Bayard Rustin Community Center
- New Haven Pride Center
- Nichols, DeLisle & Lightholder, PC
- Bayard Rustin Liberation Initiative
- Muncie OUTreach
- Modern Family Law
- Kauffman Law & Mediation
- Eastern Bank
- Atlanta Pride Committee
- Out Now
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- Unidos por la Igualdad Puerto Rico Inc.
- Reproductive Equity Now

- Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women
- Lancaster LGBTQ+ Coalition
- LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland
- Affirmations
- Roxbury Youthworks, Inc
- URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
- OutCenter Southwest Michigan
- JASMYN, Inc.
- Compass LGBTQ Community Center
- National Health Law Program
- LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin
- Maine Women's Lobby Education Fund
- National Association of Social Workers
- Greater Boston PFLAG
- UltraViolet
- Social Link
- Chady PM
- GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD)
- Futures Without Violence
- William Way Community Center
- LGBT Elder Initiative @ William Way
- Pridelines
- Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
- National Organization for Women
- Secular Coalition for America
- Public Justice
- Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights
- Amnesty International USA
- NASW Maine
- Disability Rights New York
- Stonewall Alliance of Chico

- The Trevor Project
- National Center for Parent Leadership, Advocacy, and Community Empowerment (National PLACE)
- SPAN Parent Advocacy Network
- Transinclusive Group
- Robin Phillips
- Equality Texas
- AARP
- The LGBTQ Center of the Cape Fear Coast
- Fairness Campaign
- The Freedom Center for Social Justice
- SOJOURN: Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender and Sexual Diversity
- North Carolina Council of Churches
- The Welcome Project PA
- Center For Surrogacy & Egg Donation, Inc.
- Montana Human Rights Network
- End Citizens United / Let America Vote Action Fund
- The Pride Center at Equality Park
- SEIU Local 1107
- HIV Medicine Association
- Boston Gay Men's Chorus
- Citizens for Juvenile Justicen(CfJJ)
- Ryan White Medical Providers Coalition
- Welcoming America
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- Oregonizers
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- American Civil Liberties Union
- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)
- Japanese American Citizens League
- Congregation Bet Haverim, Atlanta, Georgia

- Lexington Pride Center
- Sojourners
- Out Boulder County
- Unity Coalition | Coalicion Unida
- Pulse
- Four Corners Rainbow Youth Center
- ConceiveAbilities
- Harvard SOGIE Health Equity Research Collaborative
- End Rape On Campus
- Engage Miami
- Miami Dade Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce
- League of Women Voters of the United States
- Treatment Action Group
- The Episcopal Church
- Safeguarding American Values for Everyone (SAVE)
- U.S. Donor Conceived Council
- Muncie OUTReach
- Boston Medical Center
- Central American Resource Center
- Out On The Lakeshore
- MCC of the Palm Beaches
- Muncie OUTReach
- National Women's Political Caucus
- Disability:IN
- The GA Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Japanese American Citizens League
- Florida Council of Churches
- Marriage Equality USA
- UAW
- ValorUS
- Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families

- Legal Momentum, the Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund
- NCJW PA
- American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees
- Maine Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
- State Voices
- Equal Rights Advocates
- NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
- Women's Law Project
- Nashville LGBT Chamber of Commerce
- 9to5
- National Organization for Women
- True Ridge
- MAINE TRANSGENDER NETWORK
- Mass. PPD Fund
- Washington County Gay Straight Alliance, Inc.
- National Partnership for Women & Families
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- PFLAG National
- Coalition of Labor Union Women
- Union for Reform Judaism
- QWELL Community Foundation
- Academy of Adoption & Assisted Reproduction Attorneys
- Bisexual Resource Center
- Sussex Pride
- Keshet
- NARAL Pro-Choice America
- The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
- Muncie Outreach
- National Education Association
- Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc.
- Prosperity Now

- Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA)
- The LGBTQ Center (South Bend, IN)
- Make the Road PA
- Congregation Rodeph Shalom
- Trinity Haven, Inc.
- Spencer Pride, Inc.
- National Disability Rights Network (NDRN)
- Pride Center of Terre Haute Inc.
- Gender Justice
- Basic Rights Oregon
- Congregation Rodeph Shalom
- Voto Latino
- Shelly's Voice
- Forum for Equality
- North Carolina Asian Americans Together (NCAAT)
- NCAAT in Action
- Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee
- The Gilbert Baker Foundation
- Garden State Equality
- NJ LGBTQ Democrats
- National Employment Lawyers Association
- Carolina Migrant Network
- Center for American Progress
- American Association of University Women
- Youth OUTright WNC
- Equitas Health
- NWA Equality
- LGBT Detroit
- Uniting Pride of Champaign County
- Family Equality
- Dr. Eric Meininger, MD, MPH

- The San Diego LGBT Community Center
- Center for Reproductive Rights
- Transgender Equality Network
- Indianapolis PFLAG
- Fayetteville Police Accountability Community Taskforce
- Equality Delaware
- GenderNexus
- Congregation Rodeph Shalom
- Union of Concerned Scientists
- Temple of the High Country
- Athlete Ally
- Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom
- Mujerxs Organizando Oportunidades Notables
- Pridelines
- URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity
- MSPCC
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