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Any Equality Except Trans Equality

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Abstract

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Maryland's Senate has 47 members; 24 votes are needed for passage. The Baltimore Sun reported this weekend that the marriage bill has 20 solid supporters, with six senators so far declining to express a position on the bill. They are:

Sen. John Astle, Anne Arundel County Democrat (800-492-7122 800-492-7122 , x3578)

Sen. Joan Carter Conway, Baltimore Democrat (800-492-7122 800-492-7122 , x3145)

Sen. Ulysses Currie, Prince George's County Democrat (800-492-7122 800-492-7122 , x3127)

Sen. Edward Kasemeyer, Baltimore and Howard counties Democrat (800-492-7122 800-492-7122 , x3653)

Sen. Katherine Klausmeier, Baltimore County Democrat (800-492-7122 800-492-7122 , x3620)

Sen. James Rosapepe, Prince George's County Democrat (800-492-7122 800-492-7122 , x3141)

If you live in one of these Senators' districts, activists urge that you call to express your view of marriage equality as soon as possible.

And I encourage all of you to call and express the following view: The word marriage has no business being uttered until the trans equality bill is signed into law by the governor, so vote NO until trans people are equal to gays in Maryland.

Of course, that doesn't mean I'm particularly fond of the bill that Free State Just Us ,er..., (In)Equality Maryland is actually trying to shove down everyone's throats. But, under no circumstances should anyone support the gay marriage bill until, at the very least, the trans employment bill becomes law. In fact, I hereby explicitly call for active opposition to the gay marriage bill until such time as gays and lesbians can no longer discriminate against trans people in Maryland.

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