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I Have A Better Idea

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Abstract

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Tell your state senator: Stand with Gov. O'Malley and support marriage equality.

On Friday, Senate Majority Leader Rob Garagiola of Montgomery County introduced a bill to achieve marriage equality for all Marylanders. The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act (SB116) would finally provide same-sex couples and their families the recognition and protections they deserve.

Democrats control the House of Delegates and the State Senate, as well as the governorship. Maryland can legislate marriage equality without depending on a single Republican vote.

Unfortunately, out-of-state hate groups are intensifying their efforts to keep the bill from becoming law. The anti-gay National Organization for Marriage - notorious for using deceitful tactics and hateful rhetoric to crush marriage equality in California and Maine - has come to Maryland and is already mounting an attack against the bill.

Help Maryland make history. Take action now and we'll send a fax on your behalf directly to your state senator, urging a yes vote for marriage equality in this legislative session.



Have CREDO send a fax on your behalf

(Please personalize the letter below for greater effect)

Dear Senator,

As your constituent, I'm calling on you to support The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act (SB116). Please join Gov. O'Malley and stand on the right side of history by supporting the passage of marriage equality in this legislative session.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely, [Your name]

Complete the following and we'll send your fax immediately. You'll receive periodic updates on offers and activism opportunities.

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Send this text to Maryland senators:

Dear Senator,

As your constituent, I'm calling on you to oppose The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act (SB116). Please understand that I am not homophobic and I actually do believe that same-sex couples should eventually enjoy the right to marry.

However, in 2001 when the Maryland Legislature enacted a gay rights law that did not protect transgender people gay activists in Maryland promised transgender people that they would work to ensure that Maryland would enact legislation to ensure that transgender people have the same ability to compete for employment based on their qualifications that gays, lesbians and bisexuals were given.

Thus far, those promises have proven to be empty.

Stand on the right side of history by not rewarding political trickery and deception with an additional legislative victory that will simply ensure that there is no political will to address anti-transgender discrimination in Maryland for another decade.

Gays and lesbians WANT marriage. Trans people NEED to be able to live and work without fear.

Support the passage of transgender equality in this legislative session before the matter of same-sex marriage is addressed in any fashion.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

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