

PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW! February 24, 11:00 AM ET

Join Rabbi Saks and the Faith for Equality coalition in urging Congress to protect LGBTQ people from discrimination by passing the Equality Act.

WHAT:

As the U.S. House of Representatives prepares to vote on the Equality Act, national religious leaders, **including Rabbi Saks**, are speaking out in support of LGBTQ nondiscrimination protections. The Equality Act would provide consistent and explicit nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ people across key areas of life, including employment, housing, credit, education, public spaces and services, federally funded programs, and jury service.

On **Wednesday, February 24, at 11 a.m. ET**, leaders of the Faith for Equality coalition will discuss the importance of passing this historic civil rights legislation and how their support is grounded in the religious belief that all people should be able to live free from discrimination. The coalition will announce that more than 100 faith groups have endorsed the Equality Act because of the coalition's outreach work and what actions they are planning to take as the U.S. Senate considers the legislation.

WHO:

Sunu Chandy, Legal Director, National Women's Law Center
Sister Simone Campbell, Executive Director, NETWORK
Rabbi Jared H. Saks, Congregation Bet Ha'am, Maine
Bishop Yvette Flunder, The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries
Mitchell Gold, Co-Founder and Chairman, Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams
Victoria Kirby York, Deputy Executive Director, National Black Justice Coalition
Scott Simpson, Public Advocacy Director, Muslim Advocates

RSVP:

You must RSVP at this **link** to watch the webinar.

A quick action YOU can take to support the LGBTQ+ community

Please join an initiative organized by <u>Keshet</u> to send emails and postcards to our representatives and senators asking them to pass the Equality Act, proposed federal legislation to establish non-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ Americans.

Click <u>here</u> to complete a brief form to (1) send an email or tweet to your representative and senator, and (2) sign up to receive a postcard package to complete and mail to your Maine representatives. There will be an online postcard writing party in March, too, where you'll also have an opportunity to learn about the Equality Act. Contact Lauren Dietlin at logientlin@gmail.com for more information.

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