

LGBTQ+ Issues

It's this simple — members of the LGBTQ+ community deserve the same rights and equality under the law as all other Americans, period. The U.S. Supreme Court's 2015 decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, which ruled that same-sex couples have the fundamental right to marry, was a watershed moment in the battle for gay rights; but as we know from the civil rights and women's movements before it, we can't rest there.

To achieve — and protect — true equality for LGBTQ+ Americans, we need to fight all types of institutionalized discrimination, whether in schools, the workplace, or anywhere else in our communities.

- **Pass the Equality Act.** Reintroduced in 2017, [this bill](#) would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to “add sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity to the list of already protected classes (joining race, color, religion and national origin).” Congress should pass this into law immediately.
- **Pass the Safe Schools Improvement Act.** [This bill](#), which Congress should also pass immediately, would require school districts to adopt codes of conduct that prohibit bullying and harassment of students.
- **Keep our military strong.** Anyone — gay, straight, or transgender — who wants to put their life on the line to defend our freedoms should never be denied their own freedoms. The current administration's attacks on transgender service members are despicable and unAmerican, and Congress should do everything in its power to end similar discrimination.
- **Be a world leader.** The United States should be a moral leader for the world on LGBTQ+ issues, fighting against bigotry and intolerance. We can start this through leading by example, such as refusing to give tax dollars to anti-LGBTQ+ organizations and demanding the same from our partners and allies across the globe.

As an attorney for more than 35 years, I have used my skills to advocate for my clients and to find solutions to complex problems; I will do the same if elected to Congress. Civil rights have played a central role in my life and the fight for equality is one of the reasons I chose to pursue a law degree. The rights of LGBTQ+ individuals are constantly under assault by the extreme right and I will do everything in my power to defend and advocate on their behalf. The firm at which I am a partner, Gross McGinley LLP, was instrumental in supporting the Bradbury Sullivan Center of Allentown when it was first founded. I have represented numerous members of the LGBTQ+ community in legal matters.



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