



June 6, 2024

The Honorable Chuck  
Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  
20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
2433 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Chair Patty Murray  
Vice Chair Senate Appropriations  
Committee  
154 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro  
U.S. House Appropriations Committee  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Anti-LGBTQ Poison Pills**

**Dear Leader Schumer, Leader Jeffries, Ranking Member Murray, and Ranking Member DeLauro,**

As we enter a third consecutive year of unprecedented, coordinated, and escalating Congressional attacks on the LGBTQ+ community, we, the undersigned 85 organizations, urge you to remain steadfast in your commitment to equality and justice.

As you know, last year, House appropriators advanced a record number of anti-LGBTQ+ provisions in FY 2025 appropriations bills—provisions designed to erase, stigmatize, and marginalize LGBTQ+ communities. In contrast, the Senate rightly led with a bipartisan approach that rejected these efforts. Thanks to your leadership, all 55 anti-LGBTQ+ provisions were ultimately excluded from the final package. That outcome reflected a commitment to core American values: fairness, equality, and the right of all people to live authentically.

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We write to call on you to unequivocally fight against any of these anti-LGBTQ+ policy riders that may be included in the Fiscal Year 2026 appropriations process. These riders are not only discriminatory in their intent—they are deeply harmful in their impact. They seek to erode civil rights protections, undermine the dignity of LGBTQ+ people, and entrench exclusionary policies into federal law.

Provisions that would restrict gender-affirming care, license discrimination, ban Pride displays, block enforcement of nondiscrimination protections, or dismantle federal Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives have no place in federal funding legislation. These proposals are designed to further marginalize already vulnerable individuals based solely on sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics.

Moreover, these provisions are inconsistent with existing federal law, and allowing them to advance would mark a dangerous step backward for our democracy. Congress must not allow these discriminatory riders to move forward, whether embedded in base text or offered as amendments in committee or on the floor.

At a time when LGBTQ+ people at home and abroad—especially trans and nonbinary people—face real threats to their safety, healthcare access, and civil rights, Congress must send a clear, united message: hatred and discrimination will not be legislated into federal law.

We urge you to once again lead with integrity and resolve. Reject anti-LGBTQ+ policy riders. Protect the rights, dignity, and futures of all people. And continue to uphold the promise of equality that defines our nation at its best.

Sincerely,

Act Now: End AIDS (ANEA) Coalition  
Advocates for Trans Equality  
Advocates for Youth  
AIDS Foundation Chicago (IL)  
AIDS United  
Alliance For TransYouth Rights (CA)  
American Civil Liberties Union  
American Jewish World Service  
Americans United for Separation of Church and State  
APLA Health (CA)  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)

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AVAC  
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center (NY)  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers  
Equality California (CA)  
Equality Federation  
Equality Florida (FL)  
Equality Illinois (IL)  
Equality New Mexico (NM)  
EqualityMaine (ME)  
Fair Wisconsin (WI)  
Fairness Campaign (KY)  
Family Equality  
Family Values @ Work  
Fast-Track Cities Institute  
Fenway Health (MA)  
FFRF Action Fund  
Garden State Equality Action Fund (NJ)  
Gender Justice (MN and WI)  
Guttmacher Institute  
Health GAP  
HealthHIV  
HIV Medicine Association  
HIV+Hepatitis Policy Institute  
Human Rights First  
Human Rights Campaign  
Ibis Reproductive Health  
Immigration Equality  
International Association of Providers of AIDS Care  
Keshet  
Lambda Legal  
Los Angeles LGBT Center (CA)  
Makom Shelanu Congregation (TX)  
Mazzoni Center (PA)  
Movement Advancement Project  
NASTAD  
National Coalition for LGBTQ Health  
National Education Association  
National LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund  
National LGBTQI+ Cancer Network  
National Women's Law Center  
National Working Positive Coalition

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NMAC  
North Dakota Human Rights Coalition (ND)  
ORAM - Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration  
OutFront Minnesota (MN)  
PFLAG National  
Planned Parenthood Federation of America  
Population Council  
Positive Women's Network-USA  
PrEP4All  
Pride Action Tank/AFC (IL)  
Pride At Work, AFL-CIO  
Reproductive Freedom For All  
Reproductive Justice Action Collective (ReJAC) (LA)  
SAGE  
San Francisco AIDS Foundation (CA)  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Silver State Equality (NV)  
TaskForce Prevention and Community Services (IL)  
The AIDS Institute  
The Center for LGBTQ Health Equity, Chase Brexton Health Care (MD)  
The Institute for Health Research & Policy at Whitman-Walker  
The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center (NY)  
The Reunion Project  
The Trevor Project  
TransFamily Support Services  
Treatment Action Group (TAG)  
UFCW OUTreach  
Vivent Health (CO, IL, MI, MO, TX, WI)  
Wyoming Equality (WY)

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