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LGBT Equality: Tell the President and Congress to Repeal DOMA

Stand up for LGBT equality and ask President Obama and your Congressional representatives to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

BACKGROUND

The Defense of Marriage Act is a law that was passed in 1996, which declared that the federal government defined marriage as between one man and one woman and that no state should be forced to recognize the same-sex marriages of another state.

It's time to repeal this discriminatory law—a move President Obama has said he supported, despite later defending the law in court. Take action now by writing to President Obama and asking him to recommit to repealing the DOMA. Also, write to your Congressional representatives and ask them to support legislation to do away with DOMA.

Sustainable Agriculture: Support a Healthy Global Food System

Sign a Greenpeace petition that declares your support for sustainable agriculture for a healthy global food system: <https://secure3.convio.net/gpeace/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=536> .

BACKGROUND

The industrial agriculture system has proven to be unhealthy for people and unhealthy for the environment, and chemicals used by this system are contaminating our soil and water supply. It's time to stop supporting this destructive system and start supporting sustainable agriculture, which is more energy efficient, promotes biodiversity, protects soil, water and the climate, and supports small farmers.

Women's Rights: Urge the United Nations to Create a Women's Agency

Sign an Amnesty International petition to the president of the United Nations General Assembly, calling for the successful establishment of a UN agency for women: <http://www.amnesty.org/en/appeals-for-action/gear> .

BACKGROUND

The United Nations lacks a consolidated agency to effectively advance gender equality and human rights for women. Although four small agencies exist that deal specifically with women's issues, they lack funding and status. And larger agencies often do not make gender equality and women's human rights a top priority.

In September 2009, all member states of the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to create a consolidated UN agency for women. However, in order to make the establishment a success, the agency needs funding and political commitment. Please sign the Amnesty International's petition calling on the president of the United Nations General Assembly to commit to building such support for the UN agency for women.

Separation of Church and State: Stop Federally Funded School Vouchers

Please contact your members of Congress and ask them to vote against any bill or amendment that would expand school vouchers, which threaten the separation of church and state.

BACKGROUND

The DC voucher program, rather than providing educational opportunity for the neediest students, has proven to be an ineffective program with little oversight. It also presents serious problems for the separation of church and state, as children in the program are often sent to religious schools on the tax-payers' dime.

Any attempts to expand the DC voucher program should be denied. Please contact your senators and representative in Congress and urge them to vote down any bills or amendments that would extend the program.

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