

## Action: Urge Your U.S. Rep. to Vote for The Equality Act



This March, Rep. David Cecilline (D-Rhode Island) re-introduced The Equality Act (HR 5), a bill that prohibits discrimination against the LGBTQ community based on housing, employment, public accommodations, jury service, federal funding and education. Cecilline, who is openly gay and chairs the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee, said this bill is a "fully comprehensive civil rights bill that will once and for all prohibit discrimination against the LGBTQ community in all areas of life. As of March 13<sup>th</sup>, this bill has 239 co-sponsors, enough to get adopted in the House. Senator Jeff Merkley has also introduced the bill in the Senate. The more support this bill gets from the public, the more likely it will be to get adopted in the U.S. Senate.

Despite significant advances, LGBTQ people across the country remain vulnerable to discrimination on a daily basis and have too little recourse. Millions of LGBT Americans have the right to marry but no explicit non-discrimination protections in other areas of daily life. The LGBTQ Equality Act ensures that the same protections already extensions already extended to other protected classes are equally available to LGBT Americans.

As of March 21<sup>st</sup>, no date has been given for a vote on the Equality Act. MUUSJN urges you to not wait to urge your Representative to VOTE YES ON HR 5.

**Call 202-224-3121 (Congressional switchboard)**

**Tell your Representative:**

**Discrimination is wrong. Discrimination against any community violates our country's core values. Vote YES on HR 5.**