



March for Equality and Lobby Day

October 22, 2013

**12:00 PM – Concert for Equality • 1:00 PM – Rally
2:30 PM – March around the Capitol**

Thank you for joining us on this important day. Your voice and your message on this issue are critical to the passage of Senate Bill 10; you can have a tremendous impact just by talking to your legislator.

Our mission for the day!

Make your voice heard – emphasizing to all of Illinois that the time for marriage equality is NOW!

In addition to participating in the rally and the march, a key component of your time will be meeting with your legislator; you can do that by following these steps:

- Fill out the form below and make sure to include your address.
- If you don't know who your legislator is, ask your bus coordinator or "March on Springfield" volunteer to help you find your State Representative.
- Once you've found out who your Representative is, look to the map included with this handout to find out where their office is located.
- If you do not want to visit your legislator, please fill out the lobby day form, sign the letter and give it to your "March on Springfield" volunteer. They will collect these forms from all supporters and deliver them to your Representative.
- We encourage you to visit with your legislator if you can. Please tell them that the time is now to pass this legislation and deliver to them or their secretary the attached form and letter.

Key Messages We Need to Deliver

- The time is ***now*** for marriage equality.
- This is about fairness, equality and protections – and the freedom to marry the person we love.
- We want all people to have the same protections under the law.
- When talking about marriage, stress words like "commitment" and "responsibility" and "a lifelong promise." Also, "the stability and security of marriage."
- A majority of Illinois voters support the freedom to marry. Poll after poll has shown this.
- Do **NOT** come across as angry or judgmental. We are positive and hopeful. Marriage equality is coming to Illinois. It's not a question of "if," it's a question of when.



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Dear Representative: _____,

I am here in Springfield today to urge you to vote for **Senate Bill 10**, the Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act. This legislation will provide all committed couples with the basic protections and freedoms that are given to married couples under the law. We stand with a majority of Illinoisans who believe the time is now to recognize that all couples, regardless of sexual preference, should be allowed to marry the person they love.

This legislation has been endorsed by clergy leaders of all faiths, elected officials, every major Illinois newspaper, and a majority of people in our great state; more and more Illinoisans know this is simply the right thing to do.

The Supreme Court's decision on DOMA was historic, but it currently does not provide protections for many loving couples in Illinois who want to get married. We need to you to stand up for all of us and **VOTE YES ON SENATE BILL 10**. Our state can no longer wait for marriage equality: the time to pass this bill is now!

Sincerely, _____
(Please sign)

Name: _____
(Please Print Legibly)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Representative District: _____ Representative: _____