

Republicans & Conservatives Across America Call on the U.S. Congress to *Preserve the Freedom to Marry*

As Republicans, Libertarians and politically independent conservatives, **we believe strong families and lasting relationships strengthen communities**, and civil marriage is a fundamental freedom central to individual liberty and the pursuit of happiness. **We stand with the 71 percent of Americans today, including a majority of registered Republicans, who support the freedom to marry for all Americans.**

Together, **we call on the U.S. Congress to pass the Respect for Marriage Act** and reaffirm that marriage for gay and lesbian couples is settled law. Passing the Respect for Marriage Act will remove any uncertainty for the more than one million Americans who are building families, taking on the commitment and responsibilities associated with marriage, and caring for the one they love.

Simply put, the Respect for Marriage Act treats all American families as each of us would want to be treated.

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