

#STANDWITHNANCY

**OVER 150 NATIONAL LGBTQ ADVOCATES & LEADERS
ENDORSE NANCY PELOSI FOR SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

As LGBTQ individuals and allies who understand that the progress we have made is progress we must protect, we enthusiastically endorse House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi in her bid to become the next Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Leader Pelosi has been steadfast and unwavering in her support of the LGBTQ community, beginning with her first speech in Congress in 1987 when she boldly spoke out about the HIV/AIDS epidemic that was ravaging our community at the time. As Speaker, Leader Pelosi passed groundbreaking legislation to protect our community, including the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, led efforts to repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” and was the first national leader to call for the inclusion of a marriage equality plank in the 2012 Democratic National Convention platform.

Whether it’s joining Congressman Ted Lieu of California to introduce the first federal bill to ban the practice of so-called LGBTQ “conversion therapy” or working to introduce the Equality Act, a comprehensive LGBTQ civil rights and non-discrimination bill, Leader Pelosi continues to put the LGBTQ community front and center in the overall fight for social justice and equality for all.

Now, more than ever, we need our allies with us in the halls of Congress. There is no better ally to the LGBTQ community on Capitol Hill than Leader Pelosi, period. We encourage Democratic House Members to support Leader Pelosi in her bid for Speaker and hope that these Members, whether they be new to Capitol Hill or not, embrace and emulate Leader Pelosi’s tireless work on behalf of the LGBTQ community.

We look forward to working with Leader Pelosi as Speaker once again in the very near future.

Respectfully,

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