



News from Congressman

Tom Lantos

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Lantos Opposes Constitutional Amendment to Ban Gay Marriage

San Mateo—In reaction to the President's call on Congress to pass a Constitutional amendment that would effectively ban gay marriage, Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Francisco, San Mateo) reaffirmed that he would vote against it, and made the following statement:

"I am irrevocably opposed to discrimination in any form, and therefore I oppose discrimination based on gender preference. During our long national history we have fought for equal rights for peoples of all ethnic backgrounds, all faiths, all races, and both sexes. We should not now write into our Constitution discriminatory provisions."

Lantos voted against the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage for purposes of federal law as the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife.

He is the co-founder and co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus.

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