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House LGBT Caucus Applauds Obama Administration, Education Department for Historic Guidelines Requiring Facilities Access for Transgender Students

Washington, DC –The Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus today thanked the Obama Administration and the U.S. Department of Education for issuing groundbreaking guidance ensuring transgender students have equal access to sex-segregated facilities.

"On behalf of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus I want to thank President Obama, Secretary King and the entire Department of Education for this historic guidance," said **LGBT Equality Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Mark Takano (D-CA)**. "As a former school teacher, I know firsthand that when students feel unwelcome or face discrimination at their school, their ability to learn and grow is diminished. Transgender students deserve to have their identities respected. This guidance will help ensure that transgender students are safe in their schools facilities. They will be able to focus on what's really important: getting an education."

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The mission of the Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus is to promote lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) equality. The bi-partisan LGBT Equality Caucus is strongly committed to achieving the full enjoyment of human rights for LGBT people in the U.S. and around the world. By serving as a resource for Members of Congress, their staff, and the public on LGBT issues, the Caucus works toward the extension of equal rights, the repeal of discriminatory laws, the elimination of hate-motivated violence, and the improved health and wellbeing for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

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