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House Equality Caucus Announces Membership for the 114th Congress

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the House Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus announced its membership for the 114th Congress. The Equality Caucus will be Co-Chaired by the six openly LGBT members of the House of Representatives: Representatives Jared Polis (D-CO), David Cicilline (D-RI), Sean Patrick Maloney (D-NY), Mark Pocan (D-WI), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), and Mark Takano (D-CA).

The Equality Caucus also announced the eleven Vice-Chairs of the Equality Caucus, who bring a commitment and passion for LGBT rights and equality for all Americans to the Caucus. These eleven members are strong allies of the LGBT community and offer the Equality Caucus a diverse group of advocates. The returning Vice-Chairs of the Caucus are Representatives Diana DeGette (D-CO), Mike Honda (D-CA), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), and Adam Schiff (D-CA). The Equality Caucus also welcomed six new Vice-Chairs, including Representatives Ted Deutch (D-FL), Ruben Gallego (D-AZ), Dan Kildee (D-MI), Ted Lieu (D-CA), Alan Lowenthal (D-CA), and Mike Quigley (D-IL).

New this Congress, the Equality Caucus announced the formation of Equality Caucus Task Forces, which will be Co-Chaired by the Caucus' 17 leaders. Each Caucus will address specific needs of the LGBT community, allowing Co-Chairs and Vice-Chairs to bring in-depth focus and expertise to specific issues facing the LGBT community. The Co-Chairs of the Task Forces will be posted on the Equality Caucus' website, lgbt.polis.house.gov.

The general members of the Equality Caucus for the 114th Congress are Representatives Ami Bera (D-CA), Julia Brownley (D-CA), Lois Capps (D-CA), John Carney, Jr. (D-DE), Judy Chu (D-CA), Joseph Crowley (D-NY), Susan A. Davis (D-CA), Suzan K. DelBene (D-WA), Elizabeth Esty (D-CT), Bill Foster (D-IL), Lois Frankel (D-FL), Al Green (D-TX), Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ), Luis V. Gutiérrez (D-IL), Jim Himes (D-CT), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Jared Huffman (D-CA), Derek Kilmer (D-WA), Ann McLane Kuster (D-NH), James R. Langevin (D-RI), Grace Meng (D-NY), Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), Scott Peters (D-CA), David E. Price (D-NC), Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (D-VA), José Serrano (D-NY), Brad Sherman (D-IN), Jackie Speier (D-CA), Mark Takai (D-HI), Dina Titus (D-NV), Niki Tsongas (D-MA), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Marc Veasey (D-TX), Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ), and Peter Welch (D-VT).

The Congressional LGBT Equality Caucus was established in the U.S. House of Representatives in June 2008 by Co-Chairs Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Barney Frank (D-MA), along with Members of Congress who were strongly committed to achieving the full enjoyment of human rights for LGBT people in the United States and around the world. The Caucus serves as a resource for Members of Congress and their staff and works toward the extension of equal rights, the repeal of discriminatory laws, the elimination of hate-motivated violence, and the improved health and well-being for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

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