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Love Wins.

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A message from Senator Kamala D. Harris

**Love Wins.**

Friend,

June is Pride Month. Celebrating Pride is about honoring the LGBTQ+ community and recognizing the contributions and influence they have had on our country. This is also a time to recommit ourselves to fighting for the America we wish to build; a nation of tolerance and equality. It is important that every day, but this month especially, we recognize the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community to this country, and around the world.

With the current administration continuing to challenge the LGBTQ+ community, we must stand up in defending and furthering the rights and protections afforded to all LGBTQ+ Americans. It is past time for us to include sexual orientation and gender identity as protected classes under the *Civil Rights Act*, and that means passing the *Equality Act* in Congress.

This Pride Month, let's lift up the voices of LGBTQ+ Americans and continue in the fight on behalf of those who face discrimination because of who they are and who they love.


Let's keep marching with joy, marching with laughter, and marching with pride.



Sincerely,
Kamala




Kamala D. Harris
United States Senator

The Equality Act



Kamala Harris  @SenKamalaHarris · Jun 6 

These flags proudly stand outside my office because I want every person to know this: I see you, and no matter who you are or who you love, you are welcome here. #PrideMonth 



In March, Senator Harris cosponsored the [Equality Act](#), which would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation. On May 17th, the [Equality Act](#) [passed the House](#) with a vote 236-173 vote, sending the bill to the Senate for consideration.

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*No one should face discrimination
because of who they are or who they love.*
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-Senator Kamala D. Harris

Do No Harm Act

Earlier this year, Senator Harris reintroduced the [Do No Harm Act](#), legislation to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) to ensure that the law can no longer be invoked to threaten fundamental civil and legal rights. Since its 1993 inception, RFRA has been used to discriminate against and harm others, including LGBTQ individuals, women, and children.



STAND FOR **EQUALITY**



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*I'm proud to reintroduce the Do No Harm Act to more
comprehensively protect the basic rights of every American.*
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-Senator Kamala D. Harris




PREP Access and Coverage Act

Last week, Senator Harris introduced the [PrEP Access and Coverage Act](#), legislation to dramatically expand Americans' access to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), medication that when taken daily reduces the risk of HIV infection by up to 92%. HIV disproportionately impacts gay and bisexual men, transgender women, and, in particular, people of color. Senator Harris' new bill requires all public and private insurance plans to cover PrEP and related services with no out-of-pocket costs.



Kamala Harris  @SenKamalaHarris · 1d

Proud to introduce the PrEP Access and Coverage Act today, my new bill to:

-  require all health care plans to cover PrEP, follow-up visits, and tests with no out-of-pocket costs
-  expand access to PrEP for those uninsured
-  prohibit insurance discrimination against PrEP users

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A generic form of PrEP is expected to enter the market in 2020, but the high cost of the medication - combined with out-of-pocket costs for follow-up visits and lab testing - places barriers between PrEP and the more than 1 million people who would most benefit from it.

LOVE Act of 2019



In April, Senator Harris cosponsored the [LOVE Act of 2019](#). The *Lavender Offense Victim Exoneration (LOVE) Act* aims to rectify a nearly 50-year-old mistake; the wrongful dismissal of over 1,000 LGBTQ State Department employees. The bill would charge the State Department with the responsibility to review all Department of State employee terminations since 1950 in order to determine which terminations occurred due to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Paying Attention



San Francisco Chronicle: [Kamala Harris introduces bill to cover HIV prevention drug](#)
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