



Republicans Praise U.S. Senate Passage of the Respect for Marriage Act

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Washington, D.C.: Today, Centerline Action, Inc. and Conservatives Against Discrimination applauded U.S. Senate passage of the Respect for Marriage Act (RMA). The RMA would codify marriage equality in federal law by guaranteeing the rights, benefits, and obligations of marriages in the federal code; repealing the Defense of Marriage Act; and providing additional legal protections for marriage equality. The bill passed 61-36 in a bipartisan vote, including support from twelve Senate Republicans.

“Passage of the Respect for Marriage Act is a historic and bipartisan reaffirmation that all Americans should have the freedom to marry the person they love. It has been an honor to stand on the right side of history with thousands of my fellow Republicans, both public leaders and private citizens, who joined our campaign to pass the RMA. This is an extraordinary moment of achievement not only for those who will directly benefit from the freedom to marry, but also for the families, communities, and future generations that cherish liberty and freedom,” said Centerline Action Board President **James Dozier**. “I thank Senators Collins, Portman, Tillis, Baldwin and Sinema for their leadership in securing the freedom to marry. History will forever note that this moment of progress stemmed from their notable examples of courage and compassion.”

“Americans in same-sex and interracial marriages have now been provided the relief, confidence, and certainty that they may love and be loved for who they are. I have long believed, as a federal policymaker and mother, that our nation’s best days are ahead. It’s moments such as this that restore my sense of optimism in the future and inspire the kind of change that secures a more perfect union for one and all. I have been immensely proud to work alongside fellow Republicans to pass the Respect for Marriage Act and secure this historic achievement in the cause of freedom,” said Conservatives Against Discrimination co-chair and former Congresswoman **Ileana Ros-Lehtinen**.

In addition to today’s vote in the U.S. Senate, the Respect for Marriage Act passed the House 267-157 in July; garnering 47 Republican votes — proving that support for marriage equality is widespread and bipartisan. The amended bill now heads back to the U.S. House where it is expected to be voted on in the coming days.

A May 2022 survey from [Gallup](#) found 71 percent of Americans, including a majority of Republicans, saying they support same-sex marriage. Centerline and Conservatives Against Discrimination took the lead in conducting polling, directing national advocacy, and [mobilizing hundreds](#) of current and former Republican officials across America to call on the Senate to pass the RMA.

Centerline Action is a nonprofit is focused on forging consensus to advance centrist policy solutions capable of defending core constitutional freedoms and liberties, preserving a free market economy, and limiting the role of government in Americans' everyday lives.

Conservatives Against Discrimination is a coalition of conservative Americans who believe lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people should be protected from discrimination. This coalition provides resources and opportunities for conservatives from all walks of life who support LGBTQ nondiscrimination laws.

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