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Commonwealth of Kentucky  
General Assembly - Senate Chamber  
Senate President David L. Williams  
700 Capitol Ave  
Capitol Room 236  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**RE: HOUSE BILL 118 – RECEIVED IN SENATE ON JANUARY 28, 2010**

Dear Senate President Williams:

My name is Jordan Palmer, I am the co-founder and sitting president of Kentucky Equality Federation. Kentucky Equality Federation is the Commonwealth's largest all-volunteer (grassroots) lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex ("LGBTI") civil rights and advocacy organization. Kentucky Equality Federation is a diverse organization consisting of several corporations and groups with a common cause for Peace, Liberty, and Equality for All.

Our organization has been tracking several bills in the Kentucky House of Representatives. One such bill, House Bill 118, passed the Kentucky House of Representatives and sent to the Kentucky Senate on January 28, 2010.

Mr. President, this bill is important to the LGBTI community of the Commonwealth. You have a unique opportunity with this bill to show the LGBTI community that Kentucky's Republican Party does not consider us second-class citizens as it has appeared in the past.

By passing this bill, the LGBTI community may look more favorably on the Republican Party as a political party capable of working with us, and willing to hear our concerns; as it currently stands, the LGBTI community is so dissatisfied with Republican Leadership in both chambers that there is no longer a Log Cabin Republican Chapter in Kentucky.

Mr. President, I personally urge you, and ask you on behalf of our members to pass House Bill 118. I do not think, nor could I imagine this bill would draw criticism from your more conservative constituents; it would however be a large jester of bipartisan government and possibly send a signal to Kentucky's LGBTI community that the Kentucky Republican Party will at a minimum listen to our concerns.

House Bill 118 seeks to: *Create a new section of KRS Chapter 216B to allow a patient of a health facility who is 18 years of age or older to designate, in writing, an individual not legally related by marriage or blood, who the patient wishes to have visitation rights; require the health facility to note this designation in the patient's permanent medical records; provide that the patient may rescind the designation at any time, in writing.*

Again, I personally urge the Kentucky Senate to pass House Bill 118.

Regards,

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