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**KENTUCKY EQUALITY FEDERATION CONDEMNS HOUSE PRE-FILED
BILL BR-204 "ANTI-HEALTHCARE EQUALITY BILL"**

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STATEMENT

December 12, 2007 Lexington, KY – Some members of the Kentucky House of Representatives are now, apparently, attempting to comply with former Governor Fletcher's call to ban domestic partner benefits.

21 members have sponsored BR 204 in the House of Representatives to remove the benefit of domestic partner benefits for unmarried couples.

"This is distasteful, and not at all inline with Governor Beshear's Inaugural Speech¹ when he quoted Kentucky Senator Henry Clay," stated Kentucky Equality Federation President Jordan Palmer. "This isn't fair or equal, and Kentucky Equality Federation will fight this proposed legislation **for the benefit of the people.**"

Palmer also stated: "The issue of domestic-partner benefits is not just a "gay issue." According to the United States Census Bureau, more than 564,000 Kentucky citizens are without health insurance!"

Kentucky Equality Federation is working with other fairness organizations to hold a rally at the Capital on February 21, 2008 to bring equality and fairness to Kentucky. For additional information about this event, visit commonwealth-equality.org and select "events."

¹ Governor Beshear Quoted Henry Clay in his Inaugural Speech as saying: "Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees. And both the trust and the trustees are **created for the benefit of the people.**"