



Rep. Frank, gay rights advocates divided over job bias bill

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressman Barney Frank is urging fellow gay rights advocates not to let their dispute over protecting transgender workers doom a job discrimination ban.

The debate over including transgender people has sharply divided gay rights activists.

Many are trying to kill a stripped-down bill without protections for transgender workers that Frank and Democratic leaders hope will win House passage this year.

Matt Foreman with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force says no civil rights movement has ever left a part of its community behind.

Frank is 1 of 2 openly gay members of Congress and supports transgender protections.

But he says they don't have the votes to force the transgender issue.

The Massachusetts Democrat says the political notion that you don't do anything until you can do everything is self-defeating.