

## **Task Force Action Fund Calls for Swift Passage of Uniting American Families Act**

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**The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund applauds the reintroduction of the Uniting American Families Act, which would grant binational same-sex couples equal treatment under immigration laws by allowing them to sponsor their partner for immigration purposes.**

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.). The Task Force Action Fund, a longtime supporter of the measure, is working closely with Immigration Equality and other ally organizations to garner congressional and presidential support for the legislation.

### **Statement by Rea Carey, Executive Director National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund**

"U.S. immigration policy is supposed to be based on the principle of bringing and keeping families together. But for far too long, thousands of binational same-sex couples and their families have been kept separated, or are forced to live in exile. This discriminatory practice is painfully unfair and inhumane. We applaud Rep. Jerrold Nadler, Sen. Patrick Leahy and our colleagues at Immigration Equality for insisting the Uniting American Families Act be reintroduced this year, and we urge for its swift passage and enactment."