

April 1, 2012

Business Coalition for the
Uniting American Families Act

Dear Honorable Senators and Members of Congress:

The undersigned represent the vast number of U.S. corporations who support the values and principles that are at the core of the Uniting American Families Act.

Our companies represent diverse industries, from pharmaceuticals to hospitality to technology. What we share is frustration at seeing our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) employees treated differently under U.S. immigration law than their colleagues.

We have each worked to help American employees whose families are split apart because they cannot sponsor their committed, permanent partners for immigration benefits. We have lost productivity when those families are separated; we have borne the costs of transferring and retraining talented employees so they may live abroad with their loved ones; and we have missed opportunities to bring the best and the brightest to the United States when their sexual orientation means they cannot bring their family with them.

We have long supported LGBT employees facing immigration discrimination and we will continue to support them, but the real solution is for Congress to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to recognize same-sex permanent partners. Passage of the Uniting American Families Act (H.R. 1537 / S. 821), the Reuniting Families Act (H.R. 1796), or the inclusion of permanent partners in comprehensive immigration reform would accomplish this necessary goal.

We endorse this legislation not only as a matter of fairness, but because we cannot afford to lose our most precious resource: talent.

Sincerely,

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