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### NATIONAL Psychoanalysts Support Same-Sex Marriage

The American Psychoanalytic Association issued a position statement March 12 supporting the legal recognition of same-sex marriage and opposed discrimination against same-sex couples. In recognition that gay and lesbian couples are raising children and possess the same potential and desire for lifelong relationships as their heterosexual counterparts, the association seeks to assist in ending the government-sanctioned discrimination that denies them more than 1,000 federal rights and benefits, according to the statement.

"We want people to think about the broad impact the denial of same-sex marriage has on Americans today," said Ethan Grumbach, chairman of the association's Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues. "Families exist in many different ways, and it is important for same-sex couples to have legal and societal recognition of their unions for themselves, their children and their extended families."

The committee reviewed extensive research on gay and lesbian relationships and same-sex parents and their children prior to issuing the statement.

They found, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation Survey of 2001, that 68 percent of gays and lesbians considered marriage to be very important and that 25 percent considered it to be somewhat important. According to the 2000 U.S. census, 34 percent of cohabitating female couples and 22 percent of male couples were raising children younger than 18.

In addition, the committee is developing a proposed position statement on the U.S. military policy of "don't ask, don't tell."

### Repeal of HIV Travel Ban Moves to Senate Floor

The provision to repeal the ban on HIV-positive foreign nationals from entering into the United States has seen its first step of progress in 15 years.

The issue is included in legislation to reauthorize the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, a comprehensive effort to address global

HIV/AIDS issues. The legislation was voted out of the Foreign Relations Committee on March 13 and will proceed to a vote by the full Senate. For more than two decades, the United States has excluded both HIV-positive travelers and "green card" applicants who are HIV-positive.

"The United States has enforced this antiquated policy for too long with no public health rationale for discriminating against HIV-positive people in such a severe manner," said Victoria Neilson, Immigration Equality's legal director.

The move is also supported by the Human Rights Campaign, which called the policy "draconian."

"We appreciate the support by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and now urge the full Senate to repeal this unjust and sweeping policy that deems HIV-positive individuals inadmissible to the United States," said HRC president Joe Solmonese. "There remains no public health rationale for treating HIV more harshly than other communicable diseases. This draconian policy must end."

HIV is the only medical condition singled out in the Immigration and Nationality Act as a ground of inadmissibility. If passed, the bill will remove the anti-HIV language from the statute and restore the determination of whether HIV is a "communicable disease of public health significance" to the discretion of the Department of Health and Human Services.

In 1987, U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., offered the ban as an amendment to a bill to fund availability of the anti-retroviral drug Zidovudine. The law passed almost unanimously by Congress, in part as a political trade to obtain the funds for AZT.

### NEW YORK New Governor an Ally of Gays

New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer resigned March 12 after being linked to a prostitution ring.

This news was disappointing to the gay community because Spitzer has been moving closer to passing same-sex marriage in New York. In 2006, he pledged that he would sponsor a same-sex marriage bill or sign one that came to his desk.

But his successor, Lt. Gov. David Paterson, also has a record of support for the sexual minori-



Incoming New York Gov. David Paterson is reputed to be a longtime friend to gays and lesbians.