

6.0 We Are a Resource

If you are feeling overwhelmed by all the information in this kit, don't worry. We're here to help. Give us a call or send an email and we'll try and answer your questions. This kit is intended to be a resource, but so are we, so don't be afraid to give us a ring.

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6.1 Sample Letter to Cosponsor the Uniting American Families Act

[Your Name]
123 Street Apt. 1
City, State, Zip

Original Sent by Facsimile (or email)
Honorable (Member's Name)
U.S. Senate (or U.S. House of Representatives)
Washington, DC 20515

Re: the Uniting American Families Act

Dear Senator (or Representative)[Member's Last Name]:

I am writing today to request that you cosponsor the Uniting American Families Act, a bill currently pending before Congress. The Uniting American Families Act would allow a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to sponsor their same-sex partner for immigration benefits. Despite the guiding principle of "family unification" governing U.S. immigration policy, this benefit is currently denied to same-sex partnerships.

[Your story, at most two paragraphs]

As your constituent I ask that you take a stand for my family and cosponsor the Uniting American Families Act. U.S. immigration policy should live up to its promise to unite, not divide families. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

6.2 Sample Thank You Letter

[Your Name]
123 Street Apt. 1
City, State, Zip

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Honorable (Member's Last Name)
U.S. Senate (or U.S. House of Representatives)
Washington, DC 20515

Re: **the Uniting American Families Act**

Dear Senator (or Representative) Smith:

I write to express my thanks and gratitude for cosponsoring the Uniting American Families Act. This bill is very important for me and my family and I am pleased that you support its goal of uniting, not dividing families under U.S. immigration policy.

As your constituent I want again **thank you** for supporting equality for all families.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

6.3 Sample Letter to Request a Meeting

[Your Name]
123 Street Apt. 1
City, State, Zip

Original Sent by Facsimile (or email)
Honorable (Member's Last Name)
U.S. Senate (or U.S. House of Representatives)
Washington, DC 20515

Re: **Meeting Request**

Dear Senator (or Representative) Smith:

I write to you to request a meeting to discuss the Uniting American Families Act. As your constituent I would like to explain the importance of this legislation to you and hear your opinions thereon. **I would like to suggest a meeting for [insert date(s) and time availability]. If there is an alternative time you are available please let me know.**

Briefly, I would like to tell you the hardships the current immigration policy has meant for me and for my family. [Insert four or five sentences about your situation]

Thank you for your time in this important matter. I look forward to hearing about the possibility of meeting with you to share further details about how immigration laws have affected my family. Additionally, I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]