



YOUNG CONSERVATIVES *for the* FREEDOM TO MARRY

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To the voting members of the Republican National Committee:

On behalf of Young Conservatives for the Freedom to Marry, many of us working for the Republican Party and some of us holding official Party positions, we are disturbed by the resolution condemning the freedom of same-sex couples to marry that is pending before the Republican National Committee. We ask you to reject this resolution.

The resolution comes at a time when the stated goal of the RNC is to initiate growth in all 50 states. The language contained in this document is objectionable and offends most Americans. The references it cites regarding the adequacy of gay and lesbian parents have been demonstrated to be entirely bogus by every major independent study conducted by national clinical and psychological associations. This kind of junk science is demeaning to the honest and sincere advocates on both sides of this issue.

Republicans must take a new approach. We can't allow government discrimination of our fellow gay and lesbian citizens. We can't hypocritically support this intrusion of Big Government into the private and peaceful lives of our family members, friends, and neighbors.

We agree that marriage is "the solid foundation upon which our society is built and in which children thrive." This important institution is strengthened when we allow same-sex couples to share in the lifetime commitment of love and support that marriage represents.

More and more Americans are moving toward this realization. A recent ABC poll found that 52% of Republicans and GOP-leaning independents under the age of 50 supported the freedom to marry.

The recent “Growth and Opportunity Project” report from the RNC summarized some of our concerns:

“For the GOP to appeal to younger voters, we do not have to agree on every issue, but we do need to make sure young people do not see the Party as totally intolerant of alternative points of view. Already, there is a generational difference within the conservative movement about issues involving the treatment and the rights of gays — and for many younger voters, these issues are a gateway into whether the Party is a place they want to be.”

As young conservatives, we call on the members of the Republican National Committee to dismiss this resolution out of hand and save the Party from further marginalization. Instead, we should look to the leadership of elected leaders like Senators Portman and Kirk and Representatives Ros-Lehtinen and Hanna who are already leading the way to a stronger and more consistent conservative movement.

The time has come to turn the conversation to the future and begin a discussion of how we as Republicans can appeal to all voters and support everyone’s American dream, regardless of whether they are gay or straight.

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