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# National Council of Nonprofits Calls for Swift Passage of Respect for Marriage Act

National Council of Nonprofits President & CEO Tim Delaney released the following statement on the Respect for Marriage Act (H.R. 8404):

“We urge the Senate to swiftly take up and pass the Respect for Marriage Act. When two adults love each other, they have the right to marry. Codifying the rights recognized in both *Obergefell v. Hodges* and *Loving v. Virginia* is common sense.

“Charitable organizations have a significant stake in the outcome of this legislative debate. From clergy officiating marriage ceremonies in nonprofit houses of worship to nonprofit employers being fair in extending benefits to all employees, charitable nonprofits are committed to building caring and inclusive communities. We see enactment of the Respect for Marriage Act as a needed action to help restore respect and unity in our country.

“The Supreme Court recently eliminated the argument that such a law is not necessary. The court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* makes clear it could soon take up cases that would overturn those precedents on which millions rely. Now is the time to act to protect the rights of our fellow

Americans.”

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