

THE LGBT DATA INCLUSION ACT



Bill Number

Reintroduced in the House as H.R. 3273 by Rep. Raul Grijalva (AZ-3) and in the Senate as S. 1570 by Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI).

Purpose of Bill

The LGBT Data Inclusion Act will require Federal population surveys to collect voluntary, self-disclosed information on sexual orientation in certain surveys, and to establish data standards that require a routine assessment of needed changes in survey methods related to asking such questions.

Action Request

Ask your Members of Congress to support this bill. If they are not a co-sponsor of the bill, ask them to support it by co-sponsoring. If they are already a cosponsor, be sure to thank them.

Talking Points

- **Data collection about LGBTQ individuals is critical in understanding the issues that impact them.** We need data from LGBTQ individuals in order to pinpoint the issues they face and come up with solutions.
- **The LGBT Data Inclusion Act will foster legislation that is beneficial to LGBTQ individuals.** Good data often serves as the foundation of good legislation; we need numbers to back up the issues that affect LGBTQ individuals every day.
- **The LGBT Data Inclusion Act does not require anyone to disclose information about their sexual orientation or gender identity if they don't want to.** Answering these questions is completely voluntary; individuals who refuse to do so cannot be subjected to fines or penalties.
- **Collected information is confidential and cannot be used against an individual.** Information collected relating to sexual orientation or gender identity is maintained in accordance with the confidentiality and privacy standards and policies for the protection of individuals applicable to that survey, and cannot be used in a manner that would adversely affect any individual.