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LGBTQ+ Anti-Discrimination Project Pitch

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WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

In the United States, citizens are banned from discriminating against fellow Americans on the basis of sex, race, religion, age, national origin, and disability. However, discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity is not prohibited under federal civil rights laws.

WHY'S IT MATTER?

1. This discrepancy means that in America, members of the LGBTQ+ community can be discriminated against in the workplace, denied equal housing, and in the case of MSM, even barred from donating blood.
2. In short, it means millions of Americans can be denied their basic civil rights simply because of who they love or how they identify.

HOW DO WE FIX IT?

3. On the national level, we must amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include protections for LGBTQ+ Americans, guaranteeing fundamental rights for all American citizens.
4. Luckily, there's a piece of legislation that'll do exactly that, the Equality Act, and following its passing in the House, we must now advocate for its introduction into the Senate. Raising awareness is key.

WHAT CAN WE DO RIGHT NOW?

Sign this petition declaring your support of the Equality Act.

<https://www.change.org/p/support-the-equality-act>