



An Open Letter from Illinois “Mayors 4 Marriage Equality”

We write you to urge you to support passage of the Religious Freedom and Marriage Equality Fairness Act (SB10) during the remaining week of the fall veto session.

As the chief executive officers of our respective communities, our responsibility and guiding principal is to work with citizens and businesses to encourage, create, strengthen, and sustain an environment where everyone is provided an opportunity to succeed.

We collectively believe that passage of the Religious Freedom and Marriage Equality Fairness Act (SB10) will complement our efforts locally and help enhance the economic health and well being of the State of Illinois. Each day, we see same sex couples and their families who suffer because they are denied the full protections of law, protections that strengthen families. These families cannot wait any longer for the State of Illinois to respect their freedom to Marry.

Mayors for Marriage Equality is proud to lend their voice to the growing chorus of citizens, faith based leaders, business leaders, organized labor and others to provide same-sex couples with equal access to status, benefits, protections, rights and responsibilities of civil marriage.

We encourage you to help add Illinois to the growing list of states that recognize the freedom to marry, and unleash the economic promise and power of inclusion and assimilation of all people by supporting the Religious Freedom and Marriage Equality Fairness Act (SB10).

Respectfully,

Mayor Kevin Burns – Geneva

Mayor Bob Hausler - Plano

Mayor Stephan Pickett - Sleepy Hollow

Mayor Dale Berman - North Aurora

Mayor Ray Rogina - St. Charles

Mayor Dave Anderson – Elburn

Mayor Gary J. Golinski - Yorkville