

Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance

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Dear Friend:

Here in D.C.'s liberal bastion, the attacks by America's right wing may seem like the allergies that often accompany flowering fruit trees—an irritant requiring medication. We have been winning on LGBT issues for decades here in the District, and a nationwide victory for marriage equality is expected at the Supreme Court in a couple of months.

But GLAA has been too busy to get cocky. With our allies we are fighting an [assault by Ted Cruz against D.C. legislation](#), preparing a bill (to be introduced April 14) to set [LGBT cultural competency standards](#) for District healthcare providers; [fighting the Corizon contract](#) over that company's awful record of inmate healthcare; and [rating candidates](#) in the April 28 special election in Wards 4 and 8.

GLAA's smart advocacy and vigilance will always be needed, not only to resist congressional meddling, but to ensure that reality on the street matches our fine public policies. Please join us at our anniversary reception on **April 23** at [Policy Restaurant and Lounge](#) as we recommit to working for equality, and honor the [distinguished service](#) of **Chuck Hicks, Alexandra Beninda, and Anne Phelps**.

We are not letting dust gather: our latest challenges are outlined in GLAA's 2015 policy brief, [Building on Victory](#), based on consultation with activists from across the community.

With our allies we have won prohibition of [dangerous "conversion" therapy](#) for minors; monitored [police reform efforts](#); and [fought discriminatory targeting](#) of transgender women of color. We are working to [legalize surrogacy parenting](#) agreements, and are working with Rainbow History Project to [preserve our archives](#).

GLAA's volunteer approach gives a great return on your activist dollars. Maintaining the chops to get policies enacted and implemented requires sustained commitment. You are part of that.

Please join us on April 23 at **Policy** (1904 14th Street NW) for drinks and hors d'oeuvres as we pause to celebrate. You can RSVP using our [anniversary flyer](#) or via PayPal at <http://glaa.org/anniversary/>. We look forward to seeing you.

Thanks!

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