



Here we are. Send Us!

Part 2: LGBTQ+ Resources

“Here We Are. Send Us!” is a resource-sharing series designed to equip congregations and individuals to stand with four groups who are especially at risk of being harmed by the new administration: immigrants, LGBTQ folks, women seeking reproductive health care, and the environment.

Part 2 is focused on responding to the threats of harm to the LGBTQ+ community.

SECULAR ORGANIZATION

- **EqualityMaine** has been working since 1984 to protect and advance full equality for all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Mainers by creating an inclusive and intersectional movement through political action, community building, education, engagement and collaboration. <https://www.equalitymaine.org/>

The EQME website page **“Your Rights”** is an *excellent* source of information about how to prepare for and respond to the harm the current administration intends to do (and is already doing) to the LGBTQ+ community:

<https://www.equalitymaine.org/protectyourrights/>

- **Maine TransNet** is Maine’s only transgender-led and focused community organization. They provide peer-to-peer support groups, social and community events, advocacy for the transgender community across Maine, and training for medical, mental health, and social service providers. They engage transgender people and their allies across Maine in the practice of community building and organizing for mutual liberation. <https://www.mainetrans.net/>

- **Pink Haven Coalition** is a joint project of frontline trans organizers, progressive faith groups, and mutual aid societies across the United States who create a network for organizing housing and transportation for “passengers”—transgender people seeking to relocate (either temporarily or permanently), access gender-affirming care in safer states, or stay safer where they are.

<https://www.pinkhaven.org/>

<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/relocation-help-trans-people-pink-haven-support-resources-how-it-works>

- **GLAD Law New England** uses cutting-edge legal strategies to ensure people can live and thrive here on their own terms, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, or HIV status. Their work includes strategic litigation, public policy advocacy, and education. GLAD Law will continue to use the law as a tool to slow, stop, and reverse harmful policies – and promote positive ones – and will continue to support the LGBTQ+ community with information about their rights and what steps they can take to protect them.

https://www.glad.org/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIgvTNkKWYiwMVI5RQBh1YuyAcEAAYASAAEgIfvD_BwE

The “**Know Your Rights and Protections**” page of their website (https://www.glad.org/lgbtq-protections/?utm_source=web&utm_medium=homepage) has detailed information for LGBTQ+ people under the current administration, including:

- ✓ [Protecting Your LGBTQ+ Marriage and Family](#)
- ✓ [Resources for New England Parents](#)
- ✓ [LGBTQ Paths to Parentage Security](#)
- ✓ [Transgender Health Care Questions](#)
- ✓ [School Resources for Youth In Maine](#)
- ✓ [Transgender ID Project](#)
- ✓ [Identity Document Updates for Transgender People](#)

GLAAD is a nonprofit advocacy organization that works through entertainment, news, and digital media to share stories from the LGBTQ community that accelerate acceptance. <https://glaad.org/>

[GLAAD Weather Watch](#) offers action alerts on how to help defeat bad legislation put forward by anti-LGBTQ+ extremists.

- Article by Maine attorneys Evi Englert Woodlin and Carli Labrecque of Bernstein Shur, **Safeguarding Yourself, Your Family, Your Legacy: A Post-Election Guide for LGBTQ+ Mainers**, <https://www.bernsteinshur.com/what/news/safeguarding-yourself-your-family-and-your-legacy-a-post-election-guide-for-lgbtq-mainers/> (Note: Since January 28, 2025, the U.S. State Department is “setting aside” any passport applications requesting gender change, which means they are holding all documents submitted with these applications (passport, birth certificate, etc.).)

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