



## **Mobilizing in Defense of the Welcome Corps Program: Supporting LGBTQI+ Refugee Rights across the United States**

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**However, Welcome Corps, along with other pathways to resettle LGBTQI+ refugees and asylum seekers in the United States, may be at risk.** We are asking members of our community to mobilize in defense of the Welcome Corps program by reaching out to your local representative to tell them why this program matters to our community.

[You can find the name and contact information for your representative here.](#)

### **Script for calling your representative in support of Welcome Corps:**

Hello, [representative's name]! My name is [your name], and I'm a constituent from [where you live]. I'm a supporter of Rainbow Railroad, an international organization that has partnered with the U.S. Government's Welcome Corps program to help more LGBTQI+ refugees find home and belonging in the United States.

I'm calling because I'd like to alert you of the importance of the Welcome Corps program in our community, and ask for your commitment to supporting the continued success of this program.

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Will you commit to supporting this program, and to supporting LGBTQI+ refugees in our community? Congressional support for funding Welcome Corps and even codifying the program in the long term would shore up the achievements that we've seen so far.

Thank you for your time.

**Email to send to your representative in support of Welcome Corps:**

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I hope you will commit to supporting this program, and to supporting LGBTQI+ refugees in our community.

Thank you,

[Your name]