



PFLAG's Legislative Learning Workshop

Background:

The current political climate is, for many, a significant departure from what seemed to be the norm in the US. Protections for people who are LGBTQ-identified have been rescinded in an array of areas – from schools to workplaces, healthcare settings to immigration. This has led many people concerned and confused about what these shifts mean and how they can respond. In this session, participants will take a broad, nonpartisan look at the unique nature of the political climate in 2018 and the effect that it is having on dialogue and behavior. They will also examine a spectrum of policy topics and understand why they are “LGBTQ issues”, and learn how to be effective, educated, and engaged advocates for change. No matter what a person’s political stripes, comfort level with advocacy, or understanding of policy, this session offers a place to respectfully learn and discuss what their role is in a constantly-evolving world.

Please note: PFLAG is a nonpartisan, 501(c)3 organization. We cannot endorse candidates or parties, but advocate for fair and equitable laws for people who are LGBTQ-identified.

Content Overview:

- **Where are we now?** How our current policy landscape is different from the recent past: Examine trends specific to this moment in political history and what makes them important to LGBTQ equality advocates
- **The issues:** Key information on core legislative priorities and efforts: Look at important current laws and policies and understand what makes them relevant to the LGBTQ community.
- **Whatcha gonna do now?** Understanding how to influence the dialogue and outcomes: How do you become a citizen advocate? Review basic strategies for communicating with legislators and participating in advocacy activities including town halls, lobby day visits, and online advocacy.
- **Resources and more discussion:** Find out how to keep building your skills.

Recommended Session Length:	90 minutes
Target Audience:	All audiences
Participant Materials:	Online custom resource page
Additional Information:	The legislative issues and priorities discussed in this session will vary depending on what bills/regulations are being considered at the time of the session. This session can also be presented online as a 75-minute session.

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