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## Commitments to the LGBT community in the 2013 Budget

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Yesterday in his <u>message to Congress</u>, the President explained that we are in a make-or-break moment for the middle class, and for all those who are fighting to get there. The Budget targets scarce federal resources to the areas critical to growing the economy and restoring middle-class security: education and skills for American workers, innovation and manufacturing, clean energy, and infrastructure. It is built around the idea that our country does best when everyone gets a fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same rules.

To construct an economy that is built to last while providing opportunity and security for the LGBT community and people living with HIV/AIDS, the 2013 Budget will:

- Strengthen Anti-Discrimination Enforcement.
- Support Federal Employee Domestic Partner Benefits.
- Combat Hate Crimes.
- Support Equal Rights for Hospital Visitation.

- Support the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and Expand Investments in Prevention, Care, and Research.
- Expand the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.
- Support Housing Assistance for People Living with HIV/AIDS.
- Combat Violence and the Bullying of Children.
- Support the President's Ambitious Goals to Address Global AIDS.

Read more about how the President's 2013 budget will protect and provide for the LGBT community: HERE.



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