



Task Force denounces Michigan Supreme Court decision stripping health insurance benefits of same-sex partners of employees at universities and public-sector employers

May 8, 2008

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force denounces the Michigan Supreme Court ruling mandating that local governments and state universities can't offer health insurance to the same-sex partners of their employees. The court ruled 5–2 that Michigan's 2004 ban against same-sex marriage also blocks domestic partner policies affecting employees with same-sex partners at universities and other public-sector employers.

Statement by Dave Noble, Director of Public Policy & Government Affairs National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

"Michigan families, like families everywhere, desperately need health care and other basic benefits that domestic partnerships confer, especially in these tough economic times. It is shameful that many families will now be placed at risk of not being covered by health insurance that they obviously depend on. This ruling is tragic."