



Task Force Director Declares Support for Homeless Youth Bill

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Rea Carey, the director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund, has issued a statement in support of the federal Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, which the House of Representatives passed this month, according to a recent press release.

The bill, if passed by the Senate – which it is expected to do – would, among other things, connect homeless youth to family reunification programs and provide access to housing and health services.

“It is a national disgrace that youth are turned out of their homes and communities based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity,” Carey said in her statement. “These homeless youth deserve the same safety, food, shelter, access to education and opportunity to a bright future that is the right of every child.”

Forty percent of homeless youth are GLBT, according to Task Force figures.