



## **‘State of the Movement’ Address at Creating Change**

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**The following is from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Rea Carey, as she outlines the 'State of the Movement':**

**Task Force Executive Director Rea Carey delved into the challenges and offered new hope for the LGBT community with her “State of the Movement” address in front of 2,000 LGBT activists at the 21st National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change in Denver, Colo.**

Carey talked about the gains made during this past year, including Connecticut joining Massachusetts in becoming a freedom-to-marry state, more than 20 localities across the U.S. that passed and held onto nondiscrimination laws or partner recognition benefits, and the record 450 out elected officials who are serving in local, state and federal offices. She also noted the setbacks and challenges, most notably losing the fundamental right to marry in California, as well as the passage of anti-LGBT ballot measures in Arizona, Arkansas and Florida.

But clearly, she said, there is much reason for optimism in this new political climate. [Watch the YouTube video excerpt and post a comment.](#)

Later, she expressed ways the movement should move forward in this new era. [Watch the YouTube video excerpt and share your thoughts.](#)

And, she offered this call to action: [Watch here.](#)