PUTTING CHILDREN AT RISK: HOW EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE MARRIAGE EQUALITY HARM CHILDREN

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States, government officials, and even courts have refused to recognize married same-sex couples and LGBT parents' legal relationships to their children.

Businesses, social service agencies receiving taxpayer dollars, and even government agencies and officials are claiming a right to discriminate against LGBT families.

THREATEN THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF CHILDREN RAISED BY SAME-SEX COUPLES

All children deserve the right to a stable, secure family. Undermining marriage equality jeopardizes the security and safety of children raised by same-sex couples.

- If a parent-child relationship is not legally established, a non-biological parent can be denied legal recognition as a parent, and a child could be placed with a stranger as opposed to a parent who has cared from them, or a parent may be unable to make medical decisions for their child.
- Children could be denied health insurance through a parent if the parent isn’t legally recognized.
- Healthcare providers, daycares, or government employees could refuse to serve children raised by LGBT parents or married same-sex couples.
- Children may stay in foster care if child-placing agencies are permitted to refuse to consider qualified LGBT parents.