

Discrimination Public File August 2014

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Slug=TARGET SAME SEX

TARGET IS TAKING A PUBLIC STANCE, DECLARING SUPPORT FOR GAY MARRIAGE. THIS JUST FOUR YEARS AFTER COMING UNDER FIRE FOR SUPPORTING OPPONENTS OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE. IN 2012, NEARLY ALL THE BIGGEST CORPORATIONS IN MINNESOTA DECLINED TO SIGN A STATE REFERENDUM BANNING GAY MARRIAGE. NOW, TARGET HAS SIGNED A COURT BRIEF SUPPORTING MARRIAGE EQUALITY, A MOVE SIMILAR TO STARBUCKS, INTEL, AND APPLE. FEDERAL JUDGES OVERTURNED GAY MARRIAGE BANS IN MINNESOTA AND STATE OFFICIALS HAVE APPEALED. TARGET HAS LONG OFFERED BENEFITS TO SAME SEX PARTNERS OF EMPLOYEES.

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Slug=DIVERSITY NEEDED

THE SITUATION IN FERGUSON SPARKING DEBATE ABOUT DIVERSITY ON POLICE FORCES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND THAT DEBATE, IS LANDING RIGHT HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS. JOINING ME NOW, BOSTON POLICE DETECTIVE LARRY ELLISON, THE PRESIDENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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Slug=KY PREGO COP

A PREGNANT POLICE OFFICER IN KENTUCKY IS SUING HER DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THEY WON'T ALLOW HER TO GO ON MODIFIED DUTY. OFFICER LYNDI TRISCHLER IS NEARLY EIGHT-MONTHS PREGNANT WITH HER SECOND CHILD. THE 30-YEAR OLD RECENTLY ASKED TO GO ON LIGHT DUTY BECAUSE IT WAS BECOMING DIFFICULT FOR HER TO DO HER JOB. SHE CLAIMS HER BULLET-PROOF VEST NO LONGER FITS ON HER STOMACH AND HER GUN BELT IS TOO HEAVY AND UNCOMFORTABLE. TRISCHLER DID GO ON LIGHT DUTY FOR HER FIRST PREGNANCY. HOWEVER SUPERVISORS SAY THE CITY'S POLICY HAS CHANGED AND THIS TIME SHE WILL HAVE TO TAKE UNPAID LEAVE.