

WASHINGTON, DC--On Friday, June 24, in a victory for civil rights, the New York Senate passed and Governor Andrew Cuomo signed into law a measure legalizing same sex marriage. Representative Xavier Becerra, a long standing advocate for gay marriage, issued the following statement:

"I congratulate the people of New York for giving truer meaning to our cherished principle of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.' Neither the forces against change nor the thinkers stuck in the Middle Ages can restrain the natural and determined course of progress. New Yorkers have justly reminded America of what it means to establish a 'more perfect union.' This should be the law of the land ... and it will be."