

- [Recommend on Facebook](#)
- [Tweet about it](#)
- [Subscribe to the comments on this post](#)
- [Tell a friend](#)

Search Search

.

HNBA Denounces Arizona's Discriminatory Legislation That Would Violate the Rights of Arizona's LGBT Community

Contact: Alba Cruz-Hacker
(202) 223-4777
acruzhacker@hnba.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 24, 2014

The Hispanic National Bar Association Denounces Arizona's Discriminatory Legislation That Would Violate the Rights of Arizona's LGBT Community

Washington, D.C. – The HNBA urges Arizona Governor Jan Brewer to veto the proposed legislation that blatantly discriminates against members of Arizona's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

Late on Thursday, February 20, 2014, the Arizona State legislature [sent a bill to Governor Brewer](#) that would allow business owners to refuse to serve gay and lesbian customers as long as those business owners assert their religious beliefs as the basis for the refusal.

“Arizona, a state that has a history of violating the rights of its citizens with legislation like S.B. 1070, is once again making clear that it determined to roll back the constitutional freedoms and civil rights that so many people have fought for in this country,” said HNBA National President Miguel Alexander Pozo.

“Instead of protecting the rights of its diverse citizens, respecting their gender preferences, and embracing different religious, ethnic, and racial backgrounds, this legislation, like SB 1070, threatens to perpetuate a toxic atmosphere where discrimination is not only tolerated but is promoted.” said Mr. Pozo.

This legislation is especially egregious as the nation celebrates, in 2014, the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (the “Act”). Not only does the bill run afoul of the Act but it also violates the U.S. Constitution and notions of equal protection under the law.

“We urge Governor Brewer to demonstrate leadership on this issue, and make it clear that she will not tolerate discrimination in Arizona, by promptly vetoing this proposed legislation.” said Mr. Pozo.

#

About the Hispanic National Bar Association

The Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) is an incorporated, not-for-profit, national membership association that represents the interests of Hispanic attorneys, judges, law professors, legal assistants, law students, and legal professionals in the United States and its territories. Since 1972, the HNBA has acted as a force for positive change within the legal profession by creating opportunities for Hispanic lawyers and by helping generations of lawyers to succeed. The HNBA has also effectively advocated on issues of importance to the national Hispanic community. While we are proud of our accomplishments, we are mindful that our mission is as vital today as it was four decades ago, especially as the U.S. Hispanic population continues to grow.

For more information, please visit <http://www.hnba.com>.

Date Posted: February 24, 2014

[Site Map](#) · Copyright © 2014 Hispanic National Bar Association. All Rights Reserved.
Site designed and built by [Grinning Moon Creative](#).