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Federal Domestic Partnership

These bills were introduced in the 108th Congress (2003-2004) and are still pending:

Equal Access to Social Security Act

H.R. 4701 by Nadler, J. (D-NY) introduced 6/24/2004 to provide for entitlement to dependents' and survivors' benefits under the old-age, survivors, and disability insurance program under title II of the Social Security Act based on permanent partnership as well as marriage.

Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2003

H.R. 2426 and S 1252 by Frank, B. (D-MA) introduced 6/11/2003 to entitle domestic partners of Federal employees to benefits available to spouses of Federal employees. Specifies certifications required for benefit eligibility, filing requirements regarding partnership dissolution, and confidentiality requirements. Amends the Internal Revenue Code to extend to domestic partners the tax exemption for employer contributions to accident and health plans.

Family and Medical Leave Inclusion Act

H.R. 1430 by Maloney, C. (D-NY) introduced 3/25/2003 to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to permit leave to care for a domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, or grandparent if the domestic partner, parent-in-law, adult child, sibling, or grandparent has a serious health condition, and for other purposes.

Tax Equity for Health Plan Beneficiaries Act of 2003 and Domestic Partner Health Benefits Equity Act

H.R. 935 by McDermott, J. (D-WA) introduced 2/26/2003 and S 1702 by Smith, G. (R-OR) introduced 10/2/2003 to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the exclusion from gross income for employer-provided health coverage for employees' spouses and dependent children to coverage provided to other eligible designated beneficiaries of employees.

Permanent Partners Immigration Act of 2003

H.R.832 by Nadler, J. (D-NY) and S 1510 by Dayton, M. (D-MN) introduced 2/13/2003 to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide a mechanism for United States citizens and lawful permanent residents to sponsor their permanent partners for residence in the United States, and for other purposes.

Call your Congressional representatives and urge them to support the above bills.