

The Honorable Howard McKeon, Ranking Member House Committee on Education and Labor 2181 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative McKeon:

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Replacements, Ltd. has implemented its own non-discrimination policy to make our workplace values of fairness clear and transparent to our 550 employees. In the year since its implementation, the policy has been accepted broadly, and we believe it has affected our bottom line for the better. Our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender employees feel that they are equally protected and valued by the company. And it has further reinforced for all of our employees that fairness and non-discrimination remains fundamental in our workplace.

Enhancing our work environment to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity has not added any financial cost to our organization. Instead, we believe our philosophy and practice of valuing diversity bring financial benefits to the workplace by encouraging full and open participation by all employees.

We are convinced that the Employment Non-Discrimination Act is an appropriate, low-cost measure that will have a positive impact on our country's ability to compete, by extending protection in the majority of U.S. states where it remains legal to fire employees who are GLBT.

The bill does not mandate affirmative action or reporting requirements, and imposes no regulation. It does not compel employers to grant spousal benefits. The Employment Non-Discrimination Act merely embodies the principle of non-discrimination that already enjoys the wide apport of the American people.

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The Honorable Michael Enzi, Ranking Member Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Penations 428 Dirksen Senate Office building Washington, DC 20510

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