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> NGLTF OPPOSES BUSH COURT-PACKING PLAN AND URGES MEMBERS  
> TO CALL SENATORS TO OPPOSE BYBEE NOMINATION  
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> George W. Bush has nominated a right-wing slate of judicial  
> appointments as part of a plan to pack the federal judiciary while  
> the Republicans have control of the Senate and the confirmation  
> process. While the entire plan is troubling, we specifically oppose  
> the nomination of Jay Bybee to the United States Court of Appeals for  
> the Ninth Circuit. Useful links for details on the Bush court packing  
> plan are at the bottom of this email. Information is below on Bybee.  
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> OPPOSE BYBEE!  
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> Oppose nomination of Assistant Attorney General Jay Bybee to the  
> United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. An initial  
> review of Bybee's record shows disturbing disregard for the rights of  
> GLBT people and for civil rights legislation in general.  
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> The most publicized example is a 1997 law review article in which  
> Bybee offers an extremely troubling analysis of the landmark case of  
> Romer v. Evans, in which the US Supreme Court struck down Colorado's  
> Amendment 2 on the basis that by repealing all local civil rights

- > ordinances that prohibited discrimination based on sexual
- > orientation, and requiring a state constitutional amendment to pass
- > any sexual orientation-inclusive civil rights laws in the future,
- > the Amendment violated the Equal Protection Clause of the fourteenth
- > amendment to the US Constitution.
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- > Bybee asserts his view that sexual orientation-inclusive civil rights
- > laws are nothing more than government sponsored "preferences" for
- > "homosexuals." Bybee supports the rights of state governments to
- > prevent localities from passing sexual orientation-inclusive civil
- > rights ordinances, which he states amount to "favorable treatment
- > based on ... sexual orientation." Bybee offers proposed language for
- > "an Amendment 2 that works," in his article, so that the state could
- > effectively "repeal the three city ordinances that gave rise to
- > Amendment 2 [and] ... make it more difficult for person in Colorado
- > to obtain preferences in any law based on sexual orientation."
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- > **OPPOSE THE BYBEE NOMINATION!!**
- > Confirmation hearings are underway and the Senate will vote very soon.
- > Contact your Senators now!
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- > Call the US Capitol Switchboard to contact your Senators by phone:
- > 202-224-3121.
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- > Look up your Senators, their office information and email contact at:
- > <http://www.senate.gov>
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- > Review the US Senate Judiciary Committee hearing schedule at
- > <http://judiciary.senate.gov>
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- > A brief on Bybee from the Committee for Judicial Independence:
- > <http://www.nglrf.org/downloads/bybeenomination.pdf>
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- > People for the American Way on the Bush Court Packing Plan:
- > <http://www.pfaw.org/pfaw/general/default.aspx?oid=103>
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- > Leadership Conference on Civil Rights on other Bush nominations:
- > <http://www.civilrights.org/issues/nominations/index.html>
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- > injustice against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people
- > at the local, state and national level. As part of a broader
- > social justice movement for freedom, justice and equality, NGLTF
- > is creating a world that respects and celebrates the diversity of
- > human expression and identity where all people may fully
- > participate in society.
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