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TLDEF Remembers Transgender Families as Supreme Court Takes Up Historic Marriage Equality Cases Today

New York, New York - The Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF) recognizes the transgender families we serve as the Supreme Court today hears challenges to restrictions on the freedom to marry in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, and Tennessee. Today's historic proceeding sets the stage for a ruling in June that could bring marriage equality to LGBT people throughout the country, including to the transgender families that have experienced tremendous hardship as a result of discriminatory restrictions on the freedom to marry.

Statement from TLDEF Executive Director Michael Silverman

"Today the Supreme Court brings marriage equality to the forefront and moves us one step closer to deciding this issue nationally once and for all. LGBT people, including the transgender families we serve, deserve protection and recognition. Transgender people have suffered under discriminatory marriage laws, with the legal status of their relationships often called into question. With 37 states and the District of Columbia now extending marriage protections following key rulings last year, the tide has turned dramatically toward fairness and justice. It is time for marriage equality throughout this nation and we urge the Supreme Court to remember the real people and families whose lives hang in the balance as it considers today's arguments and comes to a decision this June."

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About the Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund (TLDEF): TLDEF is committed to ending discrimination based upon gender identity and expression and to achieving equality for transgender people through public education, test-case litigation, direct legal services, and public policy efforts. Read more at: <http://transgenderlegal.org>.