

# PETITION

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to  
**President Valdas Adamkus, S. Daukanto a. 3  
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## « SAY NO TO A LAW WHICH DENIES BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS TO HOMOSEXUALS »

Dear Mister President

We are deeply concerned about the ongoing discussion in your country regarding new legislation in the field of “protection of minors against the detrimental effect of public information”. The proposed amendment to the information law - which has been accepted by the Lithuanian Parliament last week - would explicitly make it illegal for anybody to distribute information on homosexuality through any medium to which children might have access. In short, this would prohibit any publicly accessible information.

**This law would affect the basic human right to freedom of expression, including the right to seek, receive and impart information, and would heavily discriminate against lesbians, gay men, and bisexual and transgender people.**

We express our solidarity with the LGBT community in your country and call on you not to allow such discrimination and restriction of basic human rights. We call on you

- **to use your presidential veto to reject the proposed amendment to the “Law on the Protection of Minors against the Detrimental Effect of Public Information”;**
- to ensure that all persons in Lithuania, including children, can fully enjoy their right to freedom of expression and their right to seek, receive and impart information, including information about gender identities and sexual orientation.

Yours respectfully

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