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**Statement of Assemblymember Rich Gordon, LGBT Caucus Chair, in  
Response to President Obama's Support for Marriage Equality**

Sacramento, California – Assemblymember Rich Gordon, Chair of the California Legislative Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Caucus, issued the following statement in response to President Obama's support for marriage equality.

"I thank and applaud President Obama for taking the courageous and bold step in affirming marriage as a fundamental right for all couples, regardless of sexual orientation. All families deserve equal protection of the law. We have a long way to go in ensuring full equality for LGBT people and the President's support for marriage equality brings us closer towards that goal."

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The California Legislative LGBT Caucus was formed in June 2002. The caucus' role is to present a forum for the California Legislature to discuss issues that affect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Californians and to further the goal of equality and justice for all Californians. Formation of the LGBT Caucus made California the first state in the country to recognize an official caucus of openly-LGBT state legislators.