

## Statement on Massachusetts Court Ruling on Same-Sex Marriage

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Washington, DC — Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) released the following statement regarding today's decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling that same-sex and opposite-sex couples must be given equal civil marriage rights under the state constitution:

“The Massachusetts Court ruling is another positive step towards full equity for gays and lesbians. With a hostile Congress moving to limit protections, the courts have become an important ally in the fight for equity.”