



Legislation Text

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Res. No. 8

Resolution calling upon the State of New York to support and Congress to pass the Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2003 (H.R. 2418) to deter discrimination by private clubs by denying tax deductions for business expenses made in association with private clubs that discriminate on the basis of sex, race, or color.

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Whereas, The people of New York State are committed to ending discrimination based upon sex, race or color; and

Whereas, Certain private clubs, including a number of private golf clubs, discriminate on the basis of sex, race or color; and

Whereas, Business conventions, sponsorships and other work-related activities commonly held in association with private clubs provide significant revenue for private clubs, including clubs that discriminate on the basis of race, sex or color; and

Whereas, Federal tax law currently allows deduction of expenditures on business conventions, sponsorships and other work-related activities held at private clubs, including private clubs that discriminate based upon sex, race or color; and

Whereas, United States Representative Carolyn Maloney recently introduced the “Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2003” (H.R. 2418) in Congress, which would deter private clubs from discriminating on the basis of sex, race or color by eliminating federal tax deductions for business expenditures made in association with private clubs that discriminate based upon sex, race or color; and

Whereas, The Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2003 would deter discrimination by private

clubs by providing incentives to conduct work-related activities only at private clubs that do not discriminate, which would limit the revenue available to private clubs that continue to adhere to discriminatory policies; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the State of New York to support and Congress to pass the Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2003 (H.R. 2418) to deter discrimination by private clubs by denying tax deductions for business expenses made in association with private clubs that discriminate on the basis of sex, race, or color.