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National Scrabble Players Association, based in Greenport, NY, had heard more complaints about the "offensive" words from parents and ministers than from gays, said Williams. (*Apex*)

Whoopi, Maupin Join in Fighting Radical Right

WASHINGTON, DC -- Some 110 notable figures and groups from the political, entertainment, religious and other fields have lent their names and support in the coalition effort to fight the Radical Right's campaign against lesbians, gays and bisexuals.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Equality Statement Endorsement Project has asked major political organizations, civil rights groups, unions, elected officials, government bodies and others to sign onto a statement supporting fundamental equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and

transgender people. The statement condemns Radical Right-sponsored anti-gay ballot initiatives.

"We support equality for all Americans," reads the statement. "Every American's right to be free from discrimination in jobs, housing, and public accommodations must be defended and protected. No person's fundamental civil rights should be denied by a ballot initiative or any other means."

The Endorsement Project has garnered the support of Hollywood and entertainment celebrities Whoopi Goldberg, Armistead Maupin, Nora Ephron, and John Landis; political leaders in the U.S. Congress, including Senators Paul Simon and John Chafee and Reps. Patricia Schroeder, Barney Frank and Gerry Studds; elected officials from Austin, TX; Broward County, FL; San Francisco and Los Angeles; Seattle and New York; the AFL-CIO, AFSCME, United Auto Workers and other unions; American Library Association, National Lawyers Guild, PEN and numerous additional

professional associations; Southern Christian Leadership Conference and a host of other religious affiliations; plus dozens of advocacy groups, business and governmental organizations.

"It's important to have heavy-hitters from the political, entertainment, business, religious and other communities sign on as part of our struggle to defeat the Far Right," said NGLTF Fight the Right organizer Sue Hyde. "This battle affects all of us working toward a justice-seeking society."

The NGLTF Fight the Right Project was formed in the wake of the 1992 Republican National Convention, which featured prime-time Radical Right attacks on the gay and lesbian community. Since then, the project has provided direct campaign assistance to communities battling anti-gay initiatives and is helping build a strong grassroots gay and lesbian movement for long-term change. ▼

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AIDS HOTLINES:

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New Hampshire	1-800-752-2437
New York State	1-800-541-2437
Massachusetts	1-617-522-4090
Maine	1-800-851-2437
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Canadian	1-613-563-2437

AIDS Community Awareness Project (ACAP)

PO Box 608
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802) 748-1149

AIDS Community Resource Network (ACoRN)

PO Box 2057
Lebanon, NH 03766
(603) 448-2220

Bennington Area AIDS Project

PO Box 1066
Bennington, VT 05201
(802) 442-4481 or 1-800-845-2437

Brattleboro AIDS Project

PO Box 1486
Brattleboro, VT 05302
(802) 254-4444 (Helpline)
(802) 254-8263 (Office)

Franklin-Grand Isle AIDS Task Force

P. O. Box 241, St. Albans, VT 05478
(800) 524-7742 • (802) 638-7834

Friends Vermont

Emotional, Spiritual, & Psychological Support
PO Box 402
Bristol, VT 05443
1 800 639-3316

Gay/Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

GLAA, P.O. Box 5653
Burlington, VT 05402

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(802) 660-8386

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Burlington, VT 05401
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1-800-882-2437 (AIDS Hotline) or
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