



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Stranded at the Altar: 2018 Update

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### The New York State Senate's Willful Inaction on Post-Marriage Equality LGBT Legislation

My office first published “Stranded at the Altar” in December 2015, following four years of Republican intransigence and their refusal to put forth any legislation to protect and support the LGBT community in New York. Following the Supreme Court’s 2015 decision which established marriage equality across the country, many people think that fight for LGBT rights is over. To the contrary—there is a long way to go. New York State law still allows discrimination on the basis of gender expression, LGBT youth can still legally be subjected to “conversion therapy,” and “gay panic” or “trans panic” can still be used as an

extreme emotional disturbance defense in criminal cases. The State Legislature, and especially the Senate, have a lot of work still to do. This update of the 2015 report shows just how deep the intransigence runs, and the work that remains for full LGBT rights in New York.

The report can be read in full [here](#).