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Petition «Equal Opportunities for all Families» To the Federal Council and the Federal Assembly

We, the undersigned of this petition, demand

- equality between same-sex couples and married couples concerning parental rights and adoption
- legal equality between children raised by couples in registered partnership and by married couples
- an adoption law that is based on the interests and the well-being of the child, not on the marital status and the sexual orientation of the individual or couple willing to adopt.

Arguments

The current exclusion of individuals in registered partnerships from adoption, including stepchild adoption, under the registered partnership law goes primarily at the expense of the children:

- Couples and individuals in registered partnerships are not allowed to adopt a child even if an adoption would be the best solution for the child; for example, if a relationship of mutual trust already exists.
- If an individual living in a same-sex relationship has children from a previous relationship or if children are born into a same-sex partnership, some of the options that exist for regulating the legal situation of stepchildren in marriages are not available. In some cases, this can cause grave injustice, namely considerable financial disadvantages.

The registered partnership law puts homosexual and bisexual individuals into the absurd situation that they can adopt children as long as they are single, but lose this right when they enter a registered partnership.

Furthermore, the categorical exclusion of individuals in registered partnerships from adoption constitutes a massive and unjustifiable discrimination against same-sex couples. After all, even the European Court of Justice for Human Rights has established clearly that homosexuality does not constitute a reason for denying anyone the right to adopt.

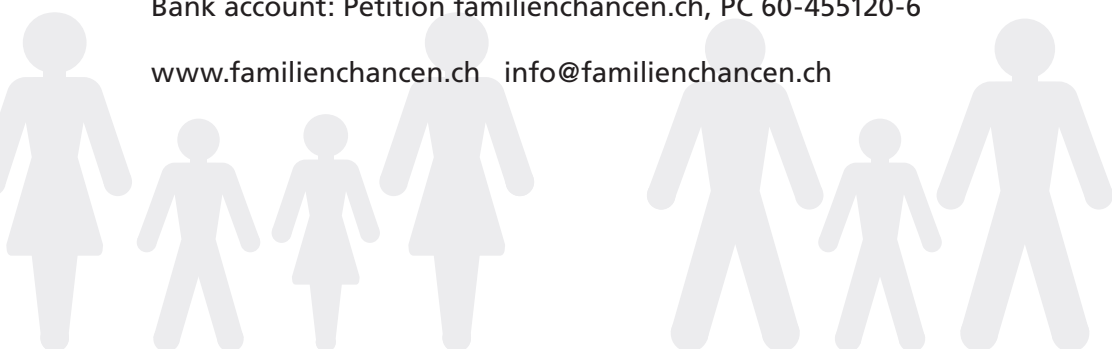
Summary

The undersigned of this petition request the Federal Council and the Parliament to work out legal measures that guarantee full rights to children regardless of the sexual orientation of their parents, and that grant equal opportunities to all individuals of age to take care of the well-being of a child in a parenting role whenever this is the best solution for the child.

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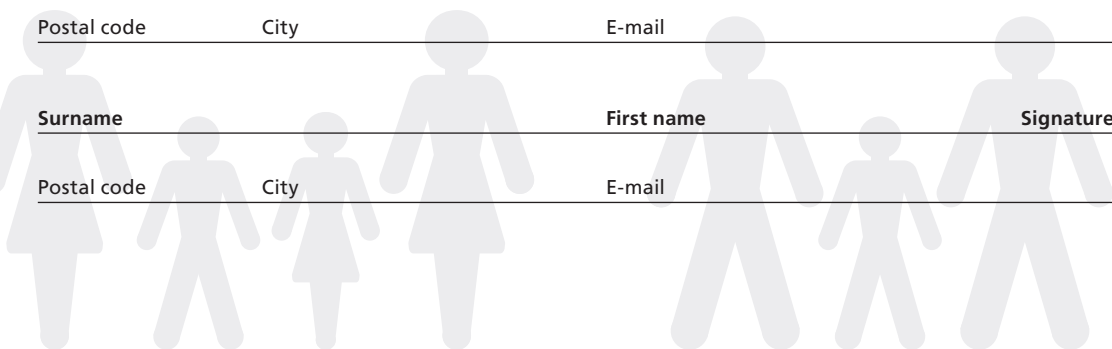
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