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## Marriage Equality USA Applauds Majority Support for Marriage Equality in the Washington State Legislature

*Today's announcement ensures the passage of marriage equality in the Evergreen State*

**San Francisco · January 23, 2012** — Marriage Equality USA applauds today's news from Washington State Democratic Senator Mary Margaret Haugen that she will vote for marriage equality in the Evergreen State. Her vote is the 25th and decisive vote that will ensure the passage of the freedom to marry in the Washington Legislature.

"Fair-minded Americans everywhere are celebrating with Washington State today, as Senator Haugen's announcement ensures passage of equal marriage rights in Washington," said Stuart Gaffney, Marriage Equality USA Media Director. "2012 is already shaping up to be another great year for loving, committed couples from coast to coast."

"New York's leadership in 2011 is now followed by Washington State's leadership in 2012," added John Lewis, Marriage Equality USA Legal Director. "The trend nationwide couldn't be clearer, and we look forward to state after state deciding to treat all marriages equally."

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*Founded in 2001, Marriage Equality USA is a national grassroots organization whose mission is to secure legally-recognized civil marriage equality for all, at the federal and state level, without regard to gender identity or sexual orientation. For more information go to [www.marriageequality.org](http://www.marriageequality.org).*

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