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Senator Franken Wants YOU to Make It Better!

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How do you spend a day celebrating the work of GSA clubs? Through activism, of course!

Next Wedne national gay-straight alliance day sday, January 25th, is the first annual **National Gay-Straight Alliance Day** [1], started by Iowa Pride Network to recognize YOUR work. To celebrate, GSA Network teamed up with Senator Al Franken of Minnesota to show off GSA activism! All we ask: **call your Senators on National GSA Day and ask them to co-sponsor or support the Student Non-Discrimination Act[2]!**

Call the Senate switchboard at 202.224.3121 and ask for your Senator.

The Student Non-Discrimination Act (SNDA) is a much-needed bill that will give students the federal right to be free from discrimination, harassment and bullying based on a student's actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. On National GSA Day, Senator Franken will host a public call devoted to the work GSA activists can do to get this important bill passed. Stay tuned for more information about the call!

The country needs SNDA to become law, and for that to happen, your Senators need to hear from you. GSA Network will send our letter of support for SNDA next week -- will you join us on Wednesday by calling on your Senator to support SNDA?

If you?re not convinced, Senator Franken recorded a message for you -- watch it above!

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Don't forget to ask your friends to join you:

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About the Student Non-Discrimination Act:
? The Student Non-Discrimination Act (SNDA) would establish a comprehensive federal prohibition against discrimination in public schools based on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. It would give LGBT students similar civil rights protections against bullying and harassment as those that currently apply to students based on race and gender.
? SNDA would also provide meaningful remedies (loss of federal funding and a legal cause of action) for discrimination in public schools based on sexual orientation or gender identity, modeled on Title IX. Fifty years of civil rights history shows that similar laws that contain such remedies are often effective in preventing discrimination from occurring in the first place. Like other civil rights laws, SNDA would prompt schools to avoid liability by taking proactive steps to prevent the discrimination and bullying of students protected by the bill.

About National Gay-Straight Alliance Day:
Coordinated and sponsored nationally by Iowa Pride Network (IPN), National GSA Day will be held on January 25, 2012. GSA Day is a time to strengthen the bond between LGBT people and straight allies and in particular recognize and honor student organizations called Gay-Straight Alliances (also known as a GSA). These student led groups work to educate their peers to stop homophobia, transphobia and violence in schools and colleges throughout the country.

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