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The Honorable Loretta E. Lynch  
The Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Lynch:

In July, 56 of my Congressional Colleagues and I wrote to the Department of Justice regarding our concerns about state and local officials defying the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. I write today to follow up on that initial letter and to continue urging the Department of Justice to take the appropriate steps to ensure all states and localities act in compliance with this ruling.

Recent events in Kentucky where a county clerk unconstitutionally refused marriage licenses to same sex couples underscores the urgent need for action by the federal government to ensure discrimination does not persist. If this violation of the Constitution is left unchecked in Kentucky, I am deeply concerned that other same-sex couples will face discrimination across the country. Same-sex couples must be afforded immediate and complete access to the rights and responsibilities bestowed by the Supreme Court of the United States without delay. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Pocan  
Member of Congress