



We are asking you to join others like Elbridge James (Former Political Chair of the Maryland NAACP) and Rev. John Crestwell (Minister of the Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church) and become a founding member of the MBFA.

We hope you will consider being a voice in this effort. Your signature will help ensure that all Marylanders are treated equally before the law.

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**PROMOTING THE GENERAL
WELFARE OF ALL
BLACK FAMILIES BY
ENCOURAGING THE
PRINCIPLES OF FAIRNESS**

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The Maryland Black Family Alliance is a coalition of Black families and leaders. We are people of many faiths. We stand for fairness, justice and equality for all families.

We believe that love and commitment are the essence of family and that family is the foundation of strong Black communities.

We seek to ensure that all Black families – including those lead by committed same-sex couples – have the full protection of the law.

As African Americans, we know that discrimination is wrong and that it damages us all when we exclude any group of Americans from the protections that other Americans enjoy.

With an integrity inspired by our past, we seek fairness, justice and equality for all Maryland families.



The Maryland Black Family Alliance (MBFA) is a newly formed advocacy organization that is beginning to frame the discourse among black Marylanders about civil marriage for same-sex couples.

This discourse centers on the concept of legal fairness for same-sex couples and their families, including black same-sex couples and their families.

MBFA emphasizes the idea that recognition of same-sex relationships furthers the social and economic welfare of black families.

MBFA will organize and grow the voices of allies of the LGBT community in the larger African-American community.

