

September 15, 2014

New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade Inc. P.O. Box 295, Woodlawn Station Bronx, NY 10470

Dear organizers of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade,

We were encouraged to learn that a group of LGBT people will be able to march in the next year's St. Patrick's Day Parade under a banner identifying them as LGBT. We see this as an important and long overdue first step towards full inclusion for LGBT people in one of the city's oldest and most storied traditions.

On behalf of the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization representing more than 1.5 million members and supporters, please consider this our application to have an Irish-American contingent from the Human Rights Campaign march in the 2015 parade.

Please let us know how to proceed with our application. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Fred Sainz, Vice President of Communications and Marketing Human Rights Campaign