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Founded in 1991, Equality Illinois is the state's oldest, largest and most effective organization advocating for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Illinoisans.

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## Equality Illinois Calls on New GOP Leaders to Respect Brady's Legacy

CHICAGO – Bernard Cherkasov, CEO of Equality Illinois, the state's oldest and largest organization advocating for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Illinoisans, issued the following statement on the resignation of Pat Brady as chairman of the Illinois Republican Party:

"Under Pat Brady's leadership, the Republican Party has stayed focused on its core value: that government should respect people's private lives. And I am proud of his support of the freedom to marry. I hope that even after his departure, the party leaders continue that support for the freedom to marry - or else the party is going to be irrelevant for the future generation of voters.

"Pat Brady supported all Illinois families with his endorsement of the freedom to marry, and now we honor his decision to resign to focus on his family, and we wish them all the best."

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