B4: Letter to the Editor

Type of Exercise: written assignment
Level: basic
Length of time: 1-2 hours
Resources needed: a current issue; news story or article

Instructions: Ask students to write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper about their opinions on one of the following topics, using a health framework (that is, what are the positive or negative impact on health of not being able to marry, or being vulnerable to hate crimes, etc):

- Same-sex marriage;
- Hate crimes targeting LGBTQ people;
- Adoption rights of LGBTQ people;
- Visitation rights of LGBTQ people who are hospitalized;
- Supporting the Employee Nondiscrimination Act;
- Denouncing homophobic bullying in local schools;
- Or something that has happened in your community related to LGBTQ people.