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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Chairman, House Ways & Means Committee
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Chairman Ryan,

This Wednesday the House Ways and Means Committee will be holding a mark up session on H.R. 1105, the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2015. Log Cabin Republicans strongly urges this legislation's successful passage out of committee and a swift vote in the House of Representatives.

Log Cabin Republicans has long lobbied for the full and final repeal of this discriminatory tax that places unnecessary burdens and financial hardships on families at their moment of greatest grief.

The Supreme Court's historic 2013 opinion in *United States v. Windsor*, which ruled that the federal government treat married same-sex couples in the same manner as their straight counterparts, was a case whose very predication was based on the inequalities inherent in the Death Tax.

Regardless of sexual orientation, the Death Tax highlights the flaws in the tax code in which the federal government chooses winners and losers, and leaves families—many of whom merely seek to transfer or retain property rather than money—levied with disproportionate penalties in their moment of greatest vulnerability.

Log Cabin Republicans urges you and your colleagues to shepherd Death Tax repeal through committee and to final passage in the House of Representatives.

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cc: Ways & Means Committee members
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