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Kate Fagella

We're all expecting you to do the right thing on marriage equality. Equality for all. No religiously-derived exceptions. Please remember that your religion is not Maryland's religion.

This is a country and a state founded on these principles, Delegate Arora.

4 seconds ago



Mike Evans

No one has ever been on the wrong side of history, who voted to end unfair treatment of any group of people. Think about that.

2 minutes ago



Kate Hubbs

Do not betray gay Marylanders on marriage equality!

2 minutes ago



Adam Burling

My partner and me are very disappointed to hear you are back-tracking on your promise to stand for equality.



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Cathy Brennan

Truth is powerful and it prevails.



5 minutes ago



Cathy Brennan Regardless of your vote, we are here, and we will continue to be here, and you cannot stop us from living and loving. Please do not cast your lot with those who would deprive

a class of people of a fundamental civil right.

26 seconds ago



Miguel Harvey

I'm disappointed that people are using your wall for insults. Still, I understand the hurt they must be feeling. Given what the Old Testament (arguably) says about homosexuality, it's hard to believe that anyone could use those passages to draw an arbitrary policy line against such a specific secular benefit. The thing that I suspect ...

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Miguel Harvey Besides, marriage has become a civil institution. It's why we can get married at courthouses or our own houses. Whether one chooses to recognize a union as legitimate is a matter of faith, but to let that cross into the public arena and aff...

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Becca Morn

As others have, I 'liked' your page so I could also post. You, sir, are a craven coward, and we LGBT Americans are done playing nice and being patient while people like you fail to recognize we are deserving of equal rights. You make promises, take our money, and when the time comes to

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rights. You make promises, take our money, and when the time comes to stand up what do you do? You run away. My wife and I have been married now for over 12 years -- but we have fewer rights than a couple of hetero strangers in Vegas who decide on a drunken whim to get married at 4am by an Elvis impersonator.

6 minutes ago



Timothy Beauchamp

Is LYING a Christian principal, Sam? You need to return the money to your progressive donors that supported you in your last election.

8 minutes ago



Heather Sias

Our money is good enough for you, but our marriages are not. Reprehensible behavior. If your views have changed so radically, you owe it to the people who elected you to confess to them that you are not the man they elected, and step down.

9 minutes ago

[Lauren Mahon](#) likes this.



Jonathan Shurberg

Sam: Don't bother coming back to Montgomery County if you vote against the marriage bill. Your career is finished, and you did it to yourself.

Someone may have convinced you that there's some political support for your view, but even bigoted anti-equality voters can smell a gutless, lying sack of shit weasel like you. Integrity matters above all, Sam, and you haven't got any.

9 minutes ago

[2 people](#) like this.



Lucy Panza

Sam -- you should respond to your constituents! Face up to your decision!

11 minutes ago

[Timothy Beauchamp](#) likes this.



David Chamberlain

Mr. Arora's phone lines are still jammed at 240.245.0018, but you can leave a message. I suggest that everyone do so and (politely!) inform Mr. Arora that you will be donating to his next primary opponent if he breaks his word.

12 minutes ago



Frank Chi

Using the Bible to justify immoral laws is the stuff of bigots and paranoids throughout American history. Sam, look up John C. Calhoun in Wikipedia. Would you have defended slavery based on your religious faith in 1850? A lot of people in America did back then! It was the popular opinion! You're no older than 30, you'll be ripped a new one about this for the rest of your life, if you're ever lucky enough to be on a winning ballot again.

12 minutes ago

[2 people](#) like this.



Tracey Halvorsen

I just "liked" your page so I could tell you I'm disgusted to hear about your backpedaling on the very bill you cosponsored, and a bill that is for equal rights and marriage equality. No wonder Americans are disgusted with the political system. It's elected officials like you, making promises and then using things like your personal religious preference as an excuse to turn around and change your position. Sam, it's not about your religious opinions, this is about basic human rights. My partner and I have been together for 19 years, and we deserve the right to be legally recognized by the state we live in, supported by delegates we elect.

15 minutes ago

[4 people](#) like this.



Brock Thompson

Jerk.

15 minutes ago

[2 people](#) like this.



Cathy Brennan

My partner and me on Valentine's Day. We do as much, we eat as much, we want as much.



16 minutes ago



Adam Park likes this.

Dude, seriously? It is like 2011. Myself and others expect much more from you.

17 minutes ago

3 people like this.



Anne Michelle Harvey

Sam, say something?

18 minutes ago

Lucy Panza likes this.



Frances Thomas

You were elected for your politics, not your religion. You took the money, won your election, and... have now switched sides without giving up your place, betraying the politics for which you were hired? Not actually a bad con, well thought out and executed: get elected, and knowing that the voting majority wants one thing, but actually DO the opposite. A Closet republican? Double crosser, for certain.

19 minutes ago

Becca Morn likes this.



Catherine Adamson

Dear Mr. Arora, I respect your religious faith and I understand that it is an important part of your life. My same-sex partner is an important part of mine. Please model the grace and kindness of Christ and respect your gay and lesbian constituents and their long-term, loving relationships by voting yes on HB 175. Recognize the sacredness of the vows they will take to each other by standing by your own promise to support this bill.

22 minutes ago

2 people like this.



Ryan Heman

How dare you. You are a representative of your constituents - NOT yourself. It is not your right to go back on promises you've made, simply because you've had a change of heart. We want our money back, we want our rights recognized, and we want a representative who doesn't manipulate voters and betray them.

24 minutes ago

2 people like this.



Stephen Clark

Maybe the only thing worse than being a bigot is being a hypocritical lying bigot.

25 minutes ago

4 people like this.



Scott Hall "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." -Martin Luther King

23 minutes ago · 3 people



Stephen Clark

Maybe the only thing worse than being a bigot is being a hypocritical lying bigot.

26 minutes ago



Scott Hall

Perhaps if you are taking cues from your church, you should look into the story of Judas. How much in donations is my equality worth?

27 minutes ago

Becca Morn likes this.

Amanda Bernhardt

I strongly urge you to vote yes on HB 175. Tax-paying gay residents of our state have waited far too long for these basic legal protections. I've seen first-hand how

this kind of legalized bigotry can destroy lives. I have a female friend whose ex-wife left her. The ex-wife was the biological mother of their two sons, and they lived in a state that did not recognize same-sex marriage, and so she was able to take both sons away. Now, my friend has no legal right to see her own children, even though she voluntarily pays thousands in child support out of love for those kids. Can you honestly call this justice? Does this really square with your religious beliefs? Again, I urge you to reconsider your actions.

27 minutes ago

2 people like this.



Brian Silva

Please do not go back on your word. But more importantly – do not be part of the continuation of second class citizenship for so many of the families in your district and state. Maryland has always been a place for equality for all. I ask you to continue that strong and proud tradition by fulfilling your pledge to vote "yes" for marriage equality!

29 minutes ago via iPhone

3 people like this.



Cathy Brennan

Religion without humanity is very poor human stuff.



29 minutes ago

2 people like this.



Michelle Mittler

Be strong & do the right thing. I am not a second class citizen and neither are the LGBT people who supported you in your election with the faith that you would stand behind them. Stand on the right side of marriage equality.

Be the politician you were elected to be. Don't let campaign dollars drown out your conscious.

33 minutes ago

3 people like this.



Chris Fisher

Marriage equality WILL happen. A vote against it would forever have put you on the wrong side of civil rights. That will be your legacy, your shame.

36 minutes ago

5 people like this.



David Chamberlain

Mr. Arora, I hope you look through these Facebook postings and see all of the pictures of the children of same sex couples. Those are the people you will hurt.

Then ask yourself this: will your church still oppose same-sex marriage in 100 years? How many churches opposed interracial marriage 100 years ago? How many churches oppose it n...

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37 minutes ago

3 people like this.



Shane Larson

Shame on you if you go back on your word. You weren't elected to represent your faith, but you were elected to represent your constituents. Do you need to be reminded that our founding fathers had a separation of church and state? If you do the wrong thing, you can be assured that you will be the progressive communities #1 target in the next elections. Do the right thing! Vote for history, not your church.

39 minutes ago

Cathy Brennan likes this.



Shane Larson And how dare you call yourself a progressive when you support such regressive policies. What would your former boss Hillary Clinton have to say to you if you vote the

wrong way.
37 minutes ago



Paulo Pontemayor

Do the right thing for all of Maryland's families and vote for marriage equality.

40 minutes ago

[Anne Michelle Harvey](#) likes this.



Travis Donnell

Brittany Spears can get married and divorced in 10 hours after a night of cocaine and booze in Vegas and gay people who have been together for any number of years can't? What does your faith say about that?

40 minutes ago



Travis Donnell And if it disagrees with your faith you'd better start lobbying against divorced and alienating divorced people, otherwise you are picking and choosing.

39 minutes ago



Egon Cohen

Sam,

You are willing to punish children and families to please a few bigots in your Church? You are a disgrace to your office, to your state, to your country, and above all to the faith that we share.

Christ may forgive you. But I sure as hell won't. I might be a poor seminarian, but if you go through with this vote, I will eat nothi...

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41 minutes ago

[4 people](#) like this.



Michael Dixon

P.S. Don't be confused about all the people suddenly "Liking" your page. The only reason anyone is "Liking" you all of the sudden is because that is the necessary first step to post on this page about how we will be working against you for the rest of your very short career.

45 minutes ago

[8 people](#) like this.



Cathy Brennan I really "like" this post.

43 minutes ago · [2 people](#)



Cathy Brennan

My son and me. You are breaking promises, and breaking hearts, all across the state of Maryland. You've done enough. Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?



46 minutes ago

[5 people](#) like this.



Michael Dixon

To quote James Gilbert: "There are literally thousands of people watching you right now. Your vote will define your future in the Democratic Party, it will define your ability to get re-elected in the next primary, and it will define your personal ethics. The last one should be most important to you. You know what the right thing to ...

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46 minutes ago

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Anne Michelle Harvey great quote.

26 minutes ago



Matt Arnstine

Dear Sam-

Your future in democratic politics is over. Good luck with Brian Brown and NOM.

49 minutes ago

[Stephen Clark](#) likes this.

 **Brian Brown** I'd just like to make it known there are some good Brian Browns out there.
47 minutes ago · 2 people

 **Cathy Brennan** Here's the bad Brian Brown:
http://www.nationformarriage.org/site/c.omL2KeNOLzH/b.3479573/k.E2D0/About_NOM.htm
41 minutes ago

 **Brian Brown** Oh trust me, I was more than upset when I first learned about the bad Brian Brown. For chrissakes he even stole my middle initial!
37 minutes ago

 **Travis Donnell**
Sam, please do the right thing here. Personal faith should NOT influence the law. If this is the path you want to take, please quit politics and become a priest.
49 minutes ago
2 people like this.

 **Jaye Isham**
Here's my partner and me -- a couple who's been together for 24 years. That's a lot longer than Rush Limbaugh and New Gingrich with their three/four/five wives or whatever it is these days.



49 minutes ago

7 people like this.

 **Cathy Brennan** Beautiful.
45 minutes ago

 **Stephen Clark** It's nearly as long as Arora has been alive, but he knows better than you how to live your life.
32 minutes ago

 **Brian Brown**
Words cannot express how agonizingly frustrated I am with your lack of commitment to something you so clearly laid out on the campaign trail for everyone to see. It's not too late to realize the impact your shortcoming will have on thousands of Maryland families in order to do what's right.
50 minutes ago
3 people like this.

 **Susan Vargo**
You have no integrity.
52 minutes ago
Stephen Clark likes this.

 **Jon Reinish**
Don't go back on your word, Delegate. You made a moral promise, sponsored legislation, and as an elected official it is your responsibility to see it through. Do not deprive couples in committed relationships and their children from the equal protection they deserve under our constitution. This is not a religious issue. Church and...
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52 minutes ago
Cathy Brennan likes this.

 **Devon Rogers**
So disappointing! We do not expect perfection, but we expect our representatives to follow through on their campaign promises to the best of their ability. You took funds from us for your campaign. You co-sponsored a bill which would begin the steps toward equality for a significant portion of your constituents, but you now, at the moment of truth, back out. Shame!
52 minutes ago
Cathy Brennan likes this.

just purchased www.challengesamarora.com. You have till close of business tomorrow to announce the right decision before this goes live with fundraising and organizing tools on Monday.

<http://www.challengesamarora.com/>
www.challengesamarora.com

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Basil Kiwan Excellent news! I hope you, or a reliably progressive friend live in district 19 – Montgomery County.
36 minutes ago



Basil Kiwan The next election for the MD House of Delegates is in 2014
25 minutes ago



Phil Giorgianni

I am assuming that you think divorce should be illegal as well? And that adulterers should be put to death?

54 minutes ago

3 people like this.



Daniel Ammons

Sam Arora
Proud of our Congress for removing DADT.
December 18, 2010 at 5:11pm via iPhone

56 minutes ago

Anne Michelle Harvey likes this.



Miguel Angel Bacigalupe

I just saw 10 friends on your donor list. I will be calling them to let them know that you are a liar if you vote "no" for the MD gay marriage bill.

57 minutes ago

3 people like this.



Cathy Brennan

This is my three-year-old daughter. Do you want to deprive her of the legal protection that you could extend by recognizing marriage equality? Do you want her to learn a lesson about political cowardice and hypocrisy?



about an hour ago

3 people like this.



Allison Williams

You made a promise, Mr. Arora. So tell us, Who Would Jesus Hate?

about an hour ago



Michael Crawford

Sam, here are gay Maryland families talking about why marriage matters. Do the right thing. Vote for the freedom to marry.



Why Marriage Matter to Marylanders
www.youtube.com

Marylanders from all over the state talk about why marriage matters to them.

about an hour ago · Share

Tim Smith likes this.



Michael Aaron Mckenna Miller

Sam, I'm incredibly disappointed with you.

Your campaign was powered, driven and, honestly, funded, by the

progressive base. This is not a time to triangulate. You were elected to be a champion for the progressive movement and you're in danger of becoming the kind of politician we all hired you to replace.

This is a plea for you to reme...

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[12 people](#) like this.



Scott Hall

I am not a second class citizen, no matter what your church believes. You are on the wrong side of history if you oppose marriage equality, not to mention a liar to the people that elected you.

about an hour ago

[3 people](#) like this.



Scott Hall ...and to think I thought you were good looking, shame.

53 minutes ago · [1 person](#)



Karl Frisch

If you gave money to [Sam Arora's](#) campaign, email info@samarora.com and ask for a contribution refund. Friends don't let friends oppose marriage equality.

Confirmed: Sam Arora is Voting Against Marriage Equality – Donors Asking For Contribution Refunds
gay.americablog.com

My friend Sam Arora campaigned in 2010 as an advocate for marriage equality in Maryland, and after he was elected he even co-sponsored legislation to that end. My how things have changed. As Joe and John noted on AMERICAblog yesterday, Sam now refuses to say whether or not he will vote for final p...

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Joshua Dowling

Hey Sam,
Don't disgrace Montgomery County by voting no on marriage equality. You promised to support this. DO it.

about an hour ago



Brandon Edward Miller

Again, your silence is deafening. Has your position on marriage equality changed? How are you going to vote? We deserve to know and your staff is not answering your phones.

about an hour ago

[Anne Michelle Harvey](#) likes this.



David Chamberlain

Mr. Arora, you have great positions on many issues. But marriage equality is a deal-breaker.

If you wanted to support discrimination against gay people, you should have run as a conservative Republican. Instead, you ran as a progressive Democrat. Please keep your promise.

about an hour ago

[Jim Carpenter](#) likes this.



David Chamberlain By the way, if you vote for discrimination, I look forward to donating to your next primary opponent.

about an hour ago · [1 person](#)



Amy LaZerte

Is breaking a promise something that Jesus would do? Not very Christ-like of you...

about an hour ago

[3 people](#) like this.



Cathy Brennan

My two children. I gave birth to both of them while in a committed same-sex union. Are they really unworthy of the protection afforded by government-recognized marriage? Is that what this comes down to?



Daniel Ammons

The push to allow same-sex marriage is not an effort for new rights – it is to end the denial of the rights which should be available to all citizens. Who now still supports the laws of a century ago forbidding interracial marriage? In another century, who will support the prohibition of same-sex marriage?

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