

EXHIBIT 9

Subject: Tomorrow: ACLU to Announce Legal Challenge to Exclusion of Prospective Foster or Adoptive Parents Based on Religious Criteria

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Dear Friends,

I'm glad to be able to give you a heads up on a lawsuit the ACLU and ACLU of Michigan will be filing on tomorrow and provide you with talking points should you be contacted by the press. Because the suit has not yet been announced or filed, **please assist us in keeping this information confidential until Wednesday morning after 11 a.m.**

We invite you to share this news and materials we've produced—videos, shareables, op-eds—in the coming days on social media.

Read on for details:

The Case

Attorneys for the ACLU, the ACLU of Michigan and the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell will file a lawsuit on Wednesday, September 20 in district court challenging Michigan's practice of permitting child placement agencies that are hired by the State to find families for children in the foster care system to reject qualified same-sex couples based on agencies' religious beliefs.

There are currently 13,000 children in the state foster care system. Our lawsuit will contend that the State of Michigan is hurting its most vulnerable children and violating the Constitution by allowing agencies hired by the State to find families for children to deny these children qualified foster and adoptive families based on the agencies religious objections that have nothing to do with a prospective parent's ability to care for a child.

We have attached talking points in the event you receive media calls about the case. Of course, feel free to contact me or to send inquiries to me **Confidential Client Information** or my cell **Confidential Client Information** should there be questions that you are unsure about.

Filing this suit is the result of more than two years of work by my colleagues and this community—thank you for making this kind of work possible.

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