

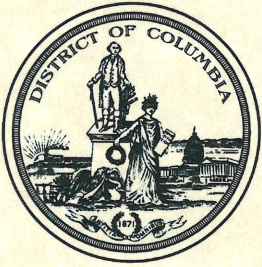


In Appreciation

Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network

March 15, 2023

As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am delighted to express my appreciation to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) on the occasion of your 2023-2024 Rise Up for LGBTQI+ Youth campaign launch.



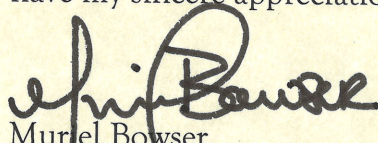
For more than 30 years, GLSEN has been a champion for LGBTQI+ youth, advocating on behalf of kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) students to end discrimination, harassment, and bullying based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

Your Rise Up for LGBTQ+ Youth campaign calls on communities to demand equal educational opportunity, civil rights protections, and freedom from fear for LGBTQI+ youth and will help to ensure that all young people are able to thrive and reach their full potential.

Residents of the District of Columbia and the nation owe you debt of gratitude for your dedicated service to our communities.

On behalf of the nearly 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, you have my sincere appreciation and best wishes for a successful campaign.




Muriel Bowser
Mayor, Washington, DC