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## Supreme Court Landmark Decision Paves Way for Same-Sex Spouse Immigration Benefits

In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court struck down Section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act. This ruling will pave the way for same-sex spouses to be sponsored for family based permanent residence and included as derivatives in employment-based green card and nonimmigrant cases. While United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Department of State have not yet issued public statements about the changes, we expect that the government should be accepting applications and petitions immediately.

Tarter Krinsky & Drogin, LLP is monitoring the situation. Should you have any questions regarding immigration benefits for same-sex partners, please contact the attorney with whom you work at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin, LLP.

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