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Openly LGBTQ+ Candidate for 48th Assembly District Reacts to U.S. Supreme Court Decision toward Gay, Transgendered Workers Rights

June 15 (Madison, Wis) - State Assembly candidate for the 48th Assembly District Jason Vangalis applauded the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold gay and transgendered worker rights, forbidding discrimination on the basis of sexual identity..

"While Wisconsin was among one of the first states to place protections against firing employees for their sexual orientation, it had no such protections for folks in the trans community," said Jason. "Economic security is a foundation to build a safe and stable life. Without a basic protection like this, it's almost impossible to build strong safety nets."

Jason supports building a strong economy that is based off of intentional and meaningful programs that will expand opportunity for communities of color and other groups that have been underserved or underrepresented with an aim to bring more individuals into the growth Madison has experienced.

"The decision today represents an incredible leap forward in building strong communities," said Jason, "but we continue to see an assault on folks within our transgender community from the Trump Administration. We must not remain content; in order to create policies that reflect that values of equity and progress this state has historically created, it is critical to include representation from the LGBTQ+ community. My own work with local LGBTQ+ organizations highlighted the gap in support Madison's trans community."

Jason is the only openly LGBTQ+ individual running for State Assembly in the 48th District. He has spent nearly a decade in Madison working with groups that support LGBTQ+ issues through groups like the New Harvest Foundation.