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GLAAD AND FAIR WISCONSIN RELEASE THE LGBTQ RECORDS OF THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR: DAVID CROWLEY AND TOM TIFFANY

CROWLEY RECORD INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR LGBTQ PEOPLE, A CALL TO BAN HARMFUL “CONVERSION THERAPY” PRACTICES, AND PRIORITIZING THE REPEAL OF WISCONSIN’S DORMANT BAN ON MARRIAGE EQUALITY

TIFFANY RECORD INCLUDES VOTES AGAINST MARRIAGE EQUALITY, DISINFORMATION ABOUT TRANSGENDER PEOPLE, VOTES TO BAN ABORTION AND MIFEPRISTONE, VOTES AGAINST THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT AND TITLE IX PROTECTIONS, VOTES TO PROMOTE UNREGULATED DATA CENTERS AND STRIP ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS, AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF ANTI-LGBTQ PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Fair Wisconsin Education Fund: “The differences between these gubernatorial candidates are stark, especially when it comes to issues impacting the LGBTQ+ community in our state. It is imperative that Wisconsin voters know the full scope of the candidates’ views on LGBTQ+ equality so we can each make informed decisions about what kind of future we want for Wisconsin.”

GLAAD: “These records are a resource for reporters covering this consequential race for Governor to challenge candidates on their histories and plans to keep Wisconsin healthy and safe for LGBTQ people. When LGBTQ people can be themselves, be welcome, and be safe, freedom and prosperity expands for every person, family, and community.”

(New York, NY and Madison, WI - October 5, 2026) GLAAD, the world’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) media advocacy organization, along with Fair Wisconsin, Wisconsin’s only statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights and political advocacy organization, are today releasing the LGBTQ records of the candidates for governor of Wisconsin: Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley and six-year U.S. Rep Tom Tiffany.

Gov. Tony Evers is retiring after two terms in office. Evers [repeatedly vetoed](#) harmful legislation attacking LGBTQ people and youth and consistently recognized and celebrated Wisconsin’s LGBTQ and ally community.

The records are documented [here](#).

County Executive David Crowley's record includes:

- Outspoken [support](#) for LGBTQ people and [focusing resources](#) on challenges faced by the community including violence against transgender people
- [Promising](#) to prioritize repealing the state's dormant ban on marriage equality
- Statement and a [resolution](#) against the discredited practice of so-called conversion therapy: "The discrimination, prejudice, and tragic violence directed at the LGBTQ+ community has no place here- or anywhere."

Congressman Tom Tiffany's record includes:

- Unwavering support for Pres. Donald Trump, who has amassed more than [600 attacks](#) against LGBTQ Americans, including Tiffany's [efforts](#) to overturn the 2020 election, spread baseless claims about legal voting in Wisconsin, and refusing to defend mail-in voting.
- [Refusing](#) to respond to questions about whether he supports Trump-imposed tariffs. The nonpartisan [Tax Foundation found](#) tariffs under the Trump administration raised household taxes by an average of \$1,000 in 2025. Tariffs disproportionately impact LGBTQ consumers and small business owners.
- [Advancing policy](#) to promote extraction industries and votes to expand unregulated AI data center-building despite pollution and higher costs of utilities. LGBTQ people are at disproportionate risk of financial stress from higher food and utility costs and from pollution, all of which exacerbates existing [health disparities](#).
- [Misgendered](#) transgender women and girls in a post about the anniversary of Title IX prohibiting sex discrimination in federally-funded schools, and in June 2024, introduced a joint resolution to rescind Title IX protections for students filing sex discrimination claims and against protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity. Tiffany has received a 100% score from national anti-LGBTQ group Heritage Foundation, which has also [called](#) to rescind Title IX altogether.
- [Claimed](#) that people convicted in the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021, might be owed restitution from a taxpayer-funded slush fund created by the Trump administration. Pres. Trump pardoned more than 1,500 defendants involved in the January 6th attacks including members of violently anti-LGBTQ white supremacist groups.
- [March 6, 2026](#): Spoke up in favor of a federal investigation into a local school district's policies supporting transgender students, launched after complaints from disgraced book ban group "Moms for Liberty." [Quote tweeted](#) the book banning group to misgender and make false claims about policies that support the safety of trans people and youth.
- [Consistently voted](#) to restrict access to reproductive health care including five yes votes on restrictive bills in 2025 and multiple votes in 2023 disparaging access to miscarriage and abortion medication mifepristone. Tiffany voted for Wisconsin's [ban](#) on abortion in 2015 and cosponsored a federal bill [in 2023](#) that would have made it a crime for doctors to perform abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. Abortion is an [LGBTQ issue](#); LGBTQ people can and do get pregnant and need reproductive and maternal health care.

- [July 2025](#): Voted for a [budget bill](#) that cut health care and food assistance for millions of Americans to fund tax cuts for select wealthy people and corporations. [1.8 million](#) LGBTQ Americans were affected including people living with HIV. LGBTQ people and families experience food insecurity and participate in Medicaid and in food assistance programs at higher rates than non-LGBTQ people.
- [May 22, 2025](#): Cast the deciding vote to pass a version of the Trump budget bill that bans states from enforcing laws regulating artificial intelligence for the next decade.
- [July 21, 2022](#): voted against the Respect for Marriage Act, which codified federal protections for same-sex and interracial marriages, and made demonstrably false claims about the Supreme Court's intentions to target marriage equality after it overturned *Roe v Wade*.
- [June 17, 2021](#): voted against establishing Juneteenth as a federal holiday to celebrate the full emancipation of Black people in the U.S.
- [June 10, 2021](#): [voted](#) against the Paycheck Fairness Act requiring employers to prove why a pay disparity exists among employees. Women continue to earn about [81 cents](#) for every \$1 white men earn, with women of color earning even less. [22%](#) of LGBTQ Americans say they are not paid equally or promoted at the same rates as peers.
- [March 17, 2021](#): voted against The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, which funds shelters, rape crisis centers, and legal support for survivors of abuse.
- [February 25, 2021](#): voted against the Equality Act, which would have added federal protections against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, education, and public accommodations.

Statement from Fair Wisconsin Executive Director, Abigail Swetz:

“David Crowley has stood for LGBTQ+ rights his entire career in public service, and has also delivered on issues that have made life materially better for his constituents, including LGBTQ+ Wisconsinites - issues like affordable housing, robust job programs, accessible health care, transparent government - the list goes on. Rep. Tom Tiffany is an extremist career politician spending millions of dollars in an attempt to hide who he is, which is a Trump MAGA apologist with a lengthy anti-LGBTQ+ equality record. Wisconsin voters value authenticity, policies that actually improve our lives, and leaders who understand the challenges we face and the issues we care most deeply about, including LGBTQ+ equality. The choice is clear.”

Statement from GLAAD President and CEO, Sarah Kate Ellis:

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Additional background

- [Fair Wisconsin PAC](#) endorsed David Crowley for Governor
- 304,100 LGBTQ people live in Wisconsin; 5.7% of adult population
- 29% of LGBTQ people are raising children ([Movement Advancement Project](#))

GLAAD ALERT Desk (Anti-LGBTQ Extremism Reporting Tracker)

- Since June 2022, GLAAD's [ALERT Desk](#) has tracked 75 anti-LGBTQ incidents in the state of Wisconsin, including three violent assaults, three bomb threats, and one attempted arson attack. Incidents include:
 - An [arson attempt](#) targeting the Pride flag flying outside the Outagamie County Government Center in Appleton;
 - A [series of bomb threats](#) targeting a middle school in Waukesha, after it was revealed that the school had hired an LGBTQ employee;
 - A [ban of a high school symphony](#) in Watertown from playing a song written about trans rights icon Martha P. Johnson.

About Fair Wisconsin:

Founded in 1994, Fair Wisconsin is Wisconsin's only statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights and political advocacy organization. Fair Wisconsin works to achieve, advance, and protect LGBTQ+ equality and liberation through grassroots organizing, education, legislative advocacy, and strategic electoral involvement.

About GLAAD:

GLAAD rewrites the script for LGBTQ acceptance. As a dynamic media force, GLAAD tackles tough issues to shape the narrative and provoke dialogue that leads to cultural change. GLAAD protects all that has been accomplished and creates a world where everyone can live the life they love. For more information, please visit www.glaad.org or connect @glaad across social media.

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