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Vermont's congressional delegation say they're glad the U.S. Supreme Court will hear a case challenging the constitutionality of a law barring federal rights and benefits to same-sex couples.

Sens. Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders and Rep. Peter Welch say they'd like to see the court scrap the Defense of Marriage Act.

The court also will review a federal appeals court ruling that struck down California's gay marriage ban, though on narrow grounds. The San Francisco-based appeals court said the state could not take away the same-sex marriage right that had been granted by California's Supreme Court.

Leahy, Sanders and Welch say they're proud Vermont has been a leader in granting marriage rights to same sex couples, and want the same for other Americans.