

Nev. among states targeted by gay rights group

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The Human Rights Campaign, one of the nation's leading gay rights groups, is launching a \$26 million political organizing effort ahead of next year's midterm elections.

While the effort is nationwide, the group is focusing its resources in particular on several key states: Nevada, Arizona, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. All six states are expected to have competitive Senate races next fall, and each is a presidential battleground.

HRC President Chad Griffin said the effort, which will include hiring at least 20 additional political staffers, aims to go "beyond resistance" – drawing from the phrase used by opponents of President Donald Trump's administration. He said the group will focus on fighting legislation curbing gay rights and backing "pro-equality candidates and initiatives."

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