



Genesio "Junior" Oliveira and Tim Coco on their wedding day in 2005.

President Bush, Members of Congress: Make this right!

Tim Coco and Genesio "Junior" Oliveira were legally married March 3, 2005 in Massachusetts. However, the couple has been separated — Junior in Brazil and Tim in the United States — for nine months because of the inhumane, discriminatory and mean-spirited federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). The U.S. ignores the pain, financial hardship and turmoil the separation has caused for this committed, loving and responsible couple and others like them.

Unless the couple receives relief soon, they will file suit in Federal courts, challenging the portion of DOMA that prevents federal recognition of their marriage. *The Executive Branch has the authority to grant Junior a visa now, and Congress has the power to grant relief by any number of means.* Let's avoid a showdown on the eve of the presidential election by acting to **Reunite this Family** now!

"Great strides toward equality for gays have been made in this country, but the woeful fate of Tim Coco and Genesio Oliveira shows that thousands of same-sex couples, even in Massachusetts, still aren't really full citizens."

— *Boston Globe*, Aug. 27, 2007

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