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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/10/98

FURTHER: 4/2/98

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 4/6/98

Finance Committee considered

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to marriage.

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS SJR 42 ( FIN )
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
- same title
  - new title
- House Bill:**
- same title
  - technical title
  - new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

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**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

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Gov/Elections	3/6/98		3.0

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

# FISCAL NOTE

No. 1 4/2/98  
 Bill Version: SJR 42  
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STATE OF ALASKA  
 1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date (Note if correction) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_ Office of the Governor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title Const. Amend: Relating to marriage BRU Elective Operations  
 Component General and Primary  
 Sponsor Senate HESS Committee  
 Requester: Senate Judiciary Committee Component Serial No. #22

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	3.0					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	3.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This figure includes the cost of providing information about this issue in the Official Election Pamphlet, as required by AS 15.58, and the programming costs for counting votes cast on the measure. However, only four measures can be printed on a single ballot card. If this measure requires printing an additional ballot card, the costs will increase by \$56.0.

Prepared by Gail Fenwick *Gail Fenwick*  
 Division Division of Elections  
 Approved by C Lt. Governor Fran Ulmer  
 Agency Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Phone 465-3935  
 Date 3/6/98  
 Date 3/6/98

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## Senate Committee on Health, Education and Social Services Sponsor Statement – Senate Joint Resolution 42

Senate Joint Resolution 42 proposes an amendment to the state constitution that defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman. When approved by voters, SJR 42 will protect the definition of marriage in current statute. That statute was declared to be potentially unconstitutional by Superior Court Judge Peter Michalski in a Feb. 27 ruling in the case of *Brause and Dugan vs. State of Alaska*. In a decision rich with ironies, Judge Michalski concluded that the state's "failure... to provide public recognition" of a person's homosexual relationship is contrary to the state constitution's right to *privacy* [emphasis added]. Michalski's ruling applies the "strict scrutiny test" to the state's law, meaning that the state cannot deny marriage licenses to same-sex couples unless it can prove a "compelling governmental interest." The compelling interest test is an exceedingly difficult legal burden.

The court's ruling ignores the clear public policy statement made by the Legislature in 1996 when it passed Senate Bill 308 by overwhelming margins. Introduced by the Senate HESS Committee, SB 308 reaffirmed the "one man, one woman" definition of marriage that has been operative in Alaska since statehood and also under the territorial government. The laws of all 50 states currently limit marriage to individuals of opposite sex. If the court orders the state to recognize homosexual marriages, thousands of same-sex couples can be expected to travel to Alaska and obtain marriage licenses. Many of these couples will then return to their home states and seek to have their unions recognized under the "full faith and credit clause" of the U.S. Constitution, which generally provides that rights acquired under the public acts or judicial proceedings of one state must be held valid in other states. This will precipitate multiple constitutional crises across the country as dozens of state governments are forced to confront the issue.

If a court orders recognition of homosexual marriages, it will place Alaska in conflict with federal law in incredibly diverse ways. In 1996 the U.S. Congress approved and President Clinton signed into law H.R. 3396, now Public Law 104-199. Known as the "Defense of Marriage Act," this law specifies that marriage under federal law means a union *only* of one man and one woman. According to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee, the word "marriage" appears in more than 800 sections of federal statutes and regulations, and the word "spouse" appears 3,100 times. In the administration and enforcement of these laws, the federal government defines marriage as a union of "one man and one woman" – regardless of what Alaska law states. The I.R.S. will probably not recognize joint tax returns filed by homosexual "married" couples, nor will these couples be eligible for the leave benefits provided by the Family & Medical Leave Act of 1993. Hundreds of other programs and benefits are also implicated, and an explosion of litigation can be expected to result.

Because recognition of same-sex marriages raises the most profound cultural and legal issues, it is only appropriate that the issue be decided by voters, as SJR 42 will allow. It is not appropriate for one unelected and unaccountable judge to set social policy for the entire state of Alaska.

Prepared by Mike Pauley, Staff Aide to Senator Loren Lemso, Vice-Chair Senate HESS Committee (465-3841)  
Last Update: March 9, 1998

The Senate Finance  
Committee Secretary  
has a thick file of  
additional information  
on SJR 42 and will  
make copies for  
committee members,  
upon request.

**PUBLIC**

**TESTI-**

**MONY**

April 4, 1998

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Marcia H. Clay, Voter ID #06984076  
Camille Clay, Voter ID #08022113  
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The Honorable Senator Bert Sharp  
Alaska State Senate  
Alaska State Capital  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator:

We, the undersigned, as residents and voters of the great state of Alaska, would like to take this opportunity to express our feelings and views about SJR 42. We are vitally concerned that one non-elected judge, Judge Michalski, has taken it upon himself to redefine the institution of marriage, ignoring the definition of more than six thousand years, the consensus of every nation of the world, and the recent formal definition by the United States Government!

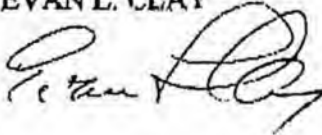
Marriage and the resultant family are the foundation of our civilization and our nation. It is wrong for Judge Michalski to redefine and undermine this foundation singlehandedly without the voters of Alaska having a "say" in that decision. It is the voters who will have to reap the whirlwind of his folly. Passage of SJR 42 will allow the voters to go to the polls and cast their votes as to what constitutes a "legal" marriage.

If the argument for recognizing and permitting homosexual "marriage" were accepted, the same argument can easily be extended to invalidate other prohibited "marriages." If men can "marry" men and women can "marry" women, why can't men "marry" their daughters or women "marry" their sons. Polygamy and polyandry could not be proscribed. Would age limitations barring marriage, for example, between a 35 year old teacher and a 6th grade student be voided?

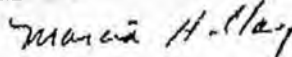
The extension of legal marriage to include the relationship between persons of the same sex would open the door to the wholesale undermining of this nation's and this civilization's foundation and would precipitate a fall more rapid than that of the Roman Empire. We strongly urge you to vote "YES" for SJR 42.

Respectfully,

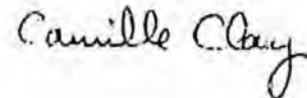
EVAN L. CLAY



MARCIA H. CLAY



CAMILLE CLAY



Senator Al Adams

Recent developments in the SJR 42 have just reached me. This matter greatly concerns me and should concern every upstanding citizen of the United States of America. There is no state in our great country and no country in the world which allows same sex marriage, and there is very good reason for it. Marriage and family form the very framework of society and civilization. In a day when we complain about the moral decline of our society, and the increasing divergence from traditional family values, how could we condone such a measure. Marriage is an institution that can not be separated from the natural complementarity of men and women. We can no more redefine marriage than we can redefine gender. Could we pass a law that there are no longer two genders? such a law would be nonsense, because it conflicts with natural law which precedes Alaska law.

If Alaska is forced to recognize homosexual marriage, thousands of same sex couples will flock to Alaska to obtain marriage licenses. These couples will then return home and try to have their unions recognized in their home states. This will cause legal conflict around the country. Not only that but the arguments in favor of homosexual marriage can also be used to invalidate other restrictions on marriage, for example: If men can marry men and women can marry women, then why can't men marry their daughters, or men marry more than one woman or a woman marry more than one man.

For one moment reflect on the preamble to the Constitution, and the Pledge of Allegiance. This country is great, we are one nation under god.

The Federal government defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman. If Judge Michalski's ruling is allowed to stand Alaska will be in conflict with federal, natural and international law. It is wrong and absolutely absurd to allow one radical unelected judge to redefine marriage and further degrade our countries stance on values.

Passage of SJR 42 will allow the voters to decide the issue, as it should be. It will give the people of this state a chance to say Judge Peter Michalski your overruled.

Thomas Doyle-  
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Sen Bert Sharp  
907-465-2070

4-4-98

Dear Senator

Re: Proposed Constitutional Amend.  
SJR 42  
to protect Traditional Marriages

Sir: Our family of 14 voters  
ask that you support this action  
to stop same sex marriage.  
Alaska needs to send the right  
message  
we need to protect our Family unit  
& that can only happen between  
a man & a woman - Father & Mother.  
We have enough nuts here ~~to~~ now - don't  
invite more  
Or should we now head for Father and  
Daughter allow to marry? NOT!

State Conv.  
Delegate

Douglas W. Brown  
Alaskan since 1947  
Susan W. Brown  
Alaskan since 1936

April 4, 1998

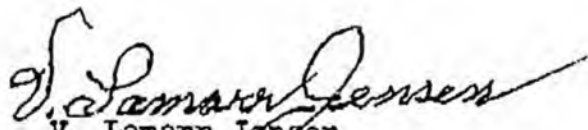
Dear Senator:

Our family values will be further undermined very much if the marrying of homosexuals is allowed. Let's continue to teach honor, respect and the traditional family values.

We have a hard enough time without further undermining them by legalizing homosexual marriage.

I SUPPORT SJR 42.

Sincerely,

  
V. Lamarr Jensen  
4612 Pavalof St.,  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

April 4, 1998

Dear Senator:

Many of the problems facing our country are because of the deterioration of the family. Values of our society have sunk to a new low, and criminals use their wretched upbringing as an excuse for their crimes.

Families who teach respect, honor and the traditional family values have a hard enough time without further undermining them by legalizing homosexual marriage.

I FULLY SUPPORT SJR 42.

Sincerely,



Virginia M. Jensen  
4612 Pavalof St.,  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

# **Fax Cover Page**

## FAX COVER SHEET

Sunday, April 05, 1998 11:12:40 AM

To: Bert Sharp  
Fax #: 1-907-465-2070

Fax: 1 page and a cover page.

5 April 1998

Dear Senator:

We have been married 25 years this coming April 25<sup>th</sup>. We think marriage between a man and women is the most wonderful institution. However, we feel strongly that homosexual marriages would be a perversion of what marriage is all about. Make sure that you preserve the sanctity and beauty of marriage and pass a law that will prevent the perversion of marriage as it has been in American tradition

Sincerely,

Steve and Nina Wolfe  
5007 Clover Lane  
Homer, Alaska 99603  
wolfefam@xyz.net

Dear Senator, Bert Sharp

8-4-98

Please support bill SJR-42 sponsored  
by Senator Loren Leman. This bill  
defines marriage into Alaska State law.  
Please, for the sake of decency,  
family, and our society's traditional  
values, support this bill. I urge you  
to vote for ~~the~~ passage of this  
bill when it comes to a vote  
in the senate.

Sincerely,

Bryan J. Scoresby

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Senator Bert Sharp  
R-Fairbanks  
465-2070

Dear Senator Sharp

I am writing to you today to express my support for TRADITIONAL, HETEROSEXUAL marriages in the state of Alaska. I am asking you to do everything humanly possible to uphold these marriages as the ONLY recognized and legal marriage in our state. Marriage and the family are the very foundation of our civilization. To allow "same sex marriages" in the State of Alaska would send a powerful message to the world that we, as a state, have little regard for this great institution of marriage that God has established for us.

No matter how you look at it, no Christian can deny that marriage started with Adam and Eve. God himself performed that first marriage and identified how it should continue; between a man and a woman. Please see that this institution is preserved as it was established in the beginning.

Sincerely,

Craig L. Saunders  
PO Box 982  
Palmer, Alaska 99645  
(907) 745-8558

April 5, 1998

1301 Ivy Circle  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
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Senator Bert Sharp  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Sharp:

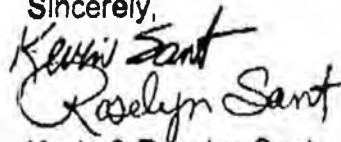
We are writing in support of SJR 42, the proposed constitutional amendment to define marriage in Alaska as a union between only a man and a woman.

As this resolution comes to the Senate floor, we urge you to vote in favor. This bill supports the fundamental unit of communities, cities, and nations. Nowhere in the United States is marriage between two people of the same sex legal. As a matter of fact, no other country in the world allows same-sex marriage.

We believe that marriage, by definition, is a sacred covenant between a man and a woman. This union is superior in all aspects for the perpetuation of families and for teaching and nurturing children by precept and example. Beyond the traditional and religious aspects, research has shown that both a father and a mother are vital in teaching children proper gender identity, self-esteem, and how to relate appropriately with others. Marriage by those of the same sex would fail to provide these statistically documented necessary building stones of our nation.

This is not a homophobic view or an attempt to attack the civil rights of those with a different life-style. It is a stand for the traditional values our country was built on and we believe in. Please give the people of Alaska a chance to vote on this vitally important issue.

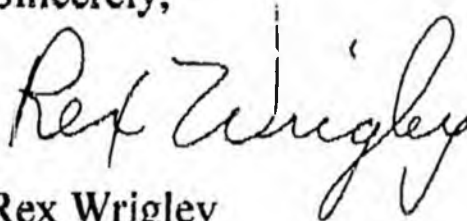
Sincerely,

  
Kevin & Roselyn Sant

Senator Sharp,

I am in support of bill SJR 42. We do not need same sex marriages legalized in Alaska.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rex Wrigley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rex Wrigley

**To: Senator Bert Sharp      Fax: 465-2070**

**From:      Chester F. Sniegowski, Jr.  
             and Wendy A. Sniegowski  
             1011 25TH Avenue  
             Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701  
             (907) 456-2437**

**Subject:      Senate Bill SJR 42**

**Dear Senator:**

**My wife and I are of the opinion that marriage is between a man and a woman. Senate Bill SJR 42 will give us and other Alaskans the opportunity to overrule Judge Peter Michalski's recent court decision to the contrary.**

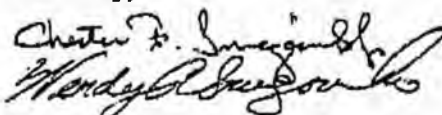
**In considering your upcoming vote, on Senate Bill SJR 42, the following should be noted:**

- (1) No State in the country allows same sex marriages**
- (2) No country in the world allows same sex marriages**
- (3) The Federal Government of the United States of America defines marriages as a union of only "one man and one woman."**
- (4) Marriage is an institution that cannot be separated from the natural complementary of men and women.**
- (5) It is ABSOLUTELY wrong for one judge to redefine this marriage institution without the people of Alaska being involved in the decision.**
- (6) Same sex marriages are just plain IMMORAL and WRONG period.**

**Please vote in favor of Senate Bill SJR 42, so that the voters of Alaska will get a chance to voice and vote their opinion.**

**Thank You for your consideration in this important matter.**

**Sincerely,**



**Chester and Wendy Sniegowski**

April 5, 1998

To: Alaska Senators Al Adams, Dave Donley, Jim Duncan, Johnny Ellis, Lyda Green, Rick Halford, Lyman Hoffman, Tim Kelly, Loren Leman, Georgianna Lincoln, Jerry Mackie, Mike Miller, Sean Parnell, Drue Pearce, Randy Phillips, Bert Sharp, Robin Taylor, John Torgerson, Jerry Ward and Gary Wilken

We strongly support and urge the passage of SJR 42 dealing with same-sex marriages.

We adamantly oppose same-sex marriages. No other state in the country allows same-sex marriages. No country in the world permits nor recognizes same-sex marriages. The federal government of the United States defines marriage as being a union of only "one man and one woman."

Marriage is an institution that cannot be separated from a natural man and woman. We can no more redefine marriage than we can redefine gender.

Marriage and the family are the foundations of our civilization. It is absolutely wrong for one unelected judge to redefine this institution without the people of Alaska being involved in this decision.

If Alaska is forced to recognize homosexual marriages, thousands of same-sex couples from around the country will travel to Alaska to obtain marriage licenses. Many will return to their home states and try to have their marriages recognized there, causing legal conflicts across the country, all because of one radical decision by an Alaskan judge. We feel many, however, will choose to remain in Alaska, creating social and economic problems throughout the State.


The arguments in favor of homosexual marriage can also be used to invalidate other marriage restrictions if men can marry men and women can marry women. Should fathers be allowed to marry their daughters or step-daughters and mothers be allowed to marry their sons? Why can't men and women marry more than one spouse? What might judges approve next if Judge Peter Michalski's decision is allowed to stand?

Again, we strongly urge passage of SJR 42, banning same-sex marriages and only recognizing a marriage between one man and one woman.

Thank you for your support of SJR 42. If this resolution is not passed, the moral and social fabric of every village and city in the State of Alaska will be adversely affected.



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Kodiak, Alaska



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Dear Senator,

I would like to add my voice to those that have spoken in favor of the bill that would clearly define marriage as being between a man and a woman. It is a sad time for the nation when such steps become necessary. Please do not bend to the pressures of those who believe we should be open minded and accept these so called "alternative lifestyles." If you are considering such action I would only ask you where would you draw the line in your attempt to define what is right and what is wrong. Shall we also recognize and allow polygamy, sodomy, bestiality, and incest. Please do not open the flood gates that would surely make the act of marriage in Alaska a laughing matter.

The following is a proclamation from the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in which I am proud to be a member. I include it for your benefit in this matter and for your daily lives.

## The Family: A Proclamation to the World

The First Presidency and Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints

We, the First Presidency and the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, solemnly proclaim that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that the family is central to the Creator's plan for the eternal destiny of His children.

All human beings--male and female--are created in the image of God. Each is a beloved spirit son or daughter of heavenly parents, and, as such, each has a divine nature and destiny. Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and eternal identity and purpose.

In the premortal realm, spirit sons and daughters knew and worshiped God as their Eternal Father and accepted His plan by which His children could obtain a physical body and gain earthly experience to progress toward perfection and ultimately realize his or her divine destiny as an heir of eternal life. The divine plan of happiness enables family relationships to be perpetuated beyond the grave. Sacred ordinances and covenants available in holy temples make it possible for individuals to turn to the presence of God and for families to be united eternally.

The first commandment that God gave to Adam and Eve pertained to their potential for parenthood as husband and wife. We declare that God's commandment for His children to multiply and replenish the earth remains in force. We further declare that God has commanded that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

We declare the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We affirm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God's eternal plan.

Husband and wife have a solemn responsibility to love and care for each other and for their children. "Children are an heritage of the Lord" (Psalms 127:3). Parents have a sacred duty to rear their children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs, to teach them to love and serve one another, to observe the commandments of God and to be law-abiding citizens wherever they live. Husbands and wives--mothers and fathers--will be held accountable before God for the discharge of these obligations.

The family is ordained of God. Marriage between man and woman is essential to His eternal plan. Children are entitled to birth within the bonds of matrimony, and to be reared by a father and a mother who honor marital vows with complete fidelity. Happiness in family life is most likely to be achieved when founded upon the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Successful marriages and families are established and maintained on principles of faith, prayer, repentance, forgiveness, respect, love, compassion, work, and wholesome recreational activities. By divine design, fathers are to preside over their families in love and righteousness and are responsible to provide the necessities of life and protection for their families. Mothers are primarily responsible for the nurture of their children. In these sacred responsibilities, fathers and mothers are obligated to help one another as equal partners. Disability, death, or other circumstances may necessitate individual adaptation. Extended families should lend support when needed.

We warn that individuals who violate covenants of chastity, who abuse spouse or offspring, or who fail to fulfill family responsibilities will one day stand accountable before God. Further, we warn that the disintegration of the family will bring sorrow on individuals, communities, and nations the calamities foretold by ancient and modern prophets.

We call upon responsible citizens and officers of government everywhere to promote those measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family as the fundamental unit of society.

*This proclamation was read by President Gordon B. Hinckley as part of his message at the General Relief Society Meeting held September 23, 1995, in Salt Lake City, Utah.*

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April 3, 1998

Dear Senator:

SJR 42, which would define marriage as legally existing only between one man and one woman, is creating an unusual uproar.

The only reason for the uproar is that homosexual community activists have fabricated this unexceptionable proposed Constitutional Amendment into some kind of infringement of their "rights," though it's transparently obvious that there is no "right" to pretend equivalence between the historically, culturally and morally supported union of a procreative couple and sexual relations between any other arrangement of persons.

The homosexual agenda, of which broadening the definition of marriage is a part, aims at extending the economic rights and privileges appropriate to heterosexual couples to same sex couples whose physical relationships are completely unrelated to procreation (the principal reason for marriage) and are transparently violative of natural law and reason.

The homosexual community's activists have elsewhere (and surely will here as well) pressed for the right to sexually abuse children (NAMBLA - North American Man Boy Love Association) and end incest prohibitions. In their own private communications they discuss their aims for the elimination of all boundaries and laws, even those restricting bestiality, sado-masochism and even crippling people for sexual enjoyment. Their end goal is the elimination of all controls over whatever depravity they wish to commit.

We focus on homosexuality because that is, in fact, the issue. As an anthropologist, I am well aware that regardless of the dishonest fabrications of history used to justify their actions, nowhere and at no time has homosexuality been anything but the plaything of a small band of perverts. Our culture was not created by perverts. All that is best in our culture including the basic ideas of human rights derive from Christianity. No matter how many perverse clergymen can be found to support homosexuality or even practice it, there is no doubt that this practice is condemned by Christianity.

All legitimate research continues to show that regardless of the outrageous claim by homosexuals that they constitute 10% of the population, they are at best 1 1/2% of the population and in most communities fewer. Hence, this is not an issue which affects people in numbers great enough to justify, even pragmatically, an adaptation to their special perversions

Interestingly, homosexuals are aware of and contemptuous of their own perversity since their favorite private term for themselves is "queers" (at least that's the favorite one I can commit to print). But contempt is a habit and they are also contemptuous of those who are not so perverse, referring to us as "breeders" - good only for providing children for them to corrupt.

If these comments sound harsh, they are as nothing compared to what homosexuals say about themselves *in camera* only those who have had close contact with this community can begin to understand how corrupt and perverse it is. This is surely not a subculture to which we should adapt our own civilization.

There are a number of more conventional points of support for SJR42, ie: the complementarity of the sexes, the ubiquity of laws supporting normal marriage, the slippery slope argument, etc. I'm certain you've heard them from many people. But the real issue is homosexual privilege. Most people are afraid of directly confronting homosexuality for what it is since they fear being branded as "judgmental." (Besides, not many people really know how unbelievably gross homosexual practices are.)

Nonetheless, all laws make behavioral judgments and all of us are compelled to do so. It's true, we may not judge someone's soul. We must, however, judge their actions. Homosexual actions are patently perverse (contrary to nature), dangerous (AIDS, etc.) and corrupting (inverting sexual behavior supports a host of perverse ideas)

Some people fear being called a "homophobe," an oxymoron which the ever-gullible press has accepted as a meaningful derogation at the insistence of "Queer Nation" and others. Literally, homophobe would mean "fear of humans," or more narrowly, "fear of man." How weird that such a neologism should have been distorted into a term for hatred and fear of homosexuals.

But wait a minute, isn't it reasonable to be quite careful or even fearful of people who are the chief carriers of AIDS, the most deadly - nearly always fatal disease extant? It is the only major killing disease which could totally be eradicated by people simply changing their behavior. Where is the campaign to convince children not to engage in homosexuality? Where's the equivalent of the attacks on Joe Camel? The answer is obvious. Liberals have bought the line that all things are relative and homosexuals are simply brave sweet folks whose minor difference in taste shouldn't be impugned. Since they dominate the media and terrorize many politicians - the result is obvious.

And so we wind up with well meaning, but befuddled people supporting the idea that "marriage" can be extended to anyone under any conditions. But this would enshrine in a privileged position people who demand we expend tens of billions of dollars to create

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a vaccine which will allow them to pursue their favorite perversion without experiencing the punishments nature provides.

But by what distortion of reality can we assume that we must alter our institutions in favor of perversion and refuse to protect our institutions against their attempt to corrupt them and place even more burdens on us to their benefit?

We clearly need to protect ourselves against the depredations of homosexuals and to refuse to elevate their perverse behavior and desires to the special protection of marriage.

Support SJR42.

Arthur E Hippler

Yours truly,

4/4/98

Dear Senator:

I strongly encourage you to support SJR42. Marriage is an institution that cannot be separated from gender. If we can redefine marriage then we can redefine gender. This tearing down of natural barriers, conceivably, could be the beginning of the elimination of other healthful restrictions that we have accepted, eg. polygamy, and incestuous unions. Marriage and the family are the natural foundation of our civilization. It is incredible to think that one judge in the state of Alaska has redefined this time honored institution without any input from the people. Passage of SJR42 will permit the voters to decide the issue.

Alaska will be the first state in the nation to permit this. ( A dubious honor) There is NO other country in the world that recognizes same sex marriages. We are the Last Great Frontier, but I think homosexual marriage is a frontier that is best left unexplored.

I hope you will not be swayed by the cries of the homosexual minority who claim that the inability to be "married" in the legal sense of the word, deprives them of compassion & justice. Acceptance of these claims will lead us, not to mention our posterity, down a dangerous path of social experimentation- a path bound to rip at the very fabric of our nation.

Respectfully yours,  
sai Duchanin

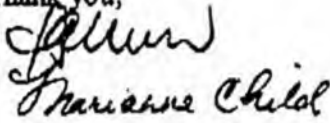
April 6<sup>th</sup> 1998

Dear Senator

Both my wife and I are very much in favor of the current bill that bans same sex marriages. We were disappointed to learn that an Alaska Superior Court judge declared the current law unconstitutional.

Would you please do everything within your power to pass legislation that preserves the sanctity of the family and marriage between a man and a woman. We fear very serious social consequences will follow if same sex marriages are allowed anywhere.

Thank you,



Dr. and Mrs. Gary L. Child  
Anchorage, AK

Patty Barsalou  
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Anchorage AK 99515

Dear Senator Sharp,

As a registered voter for twenty one years, I have occasionally raised my voice in either support or lack of for issues currently occurring in our government, both state and federal. The issue of homosexual verses heterosexual marriage is the one I would like to address today. SJR 42 is a bill I am in favor of.

There are no other states that allow same sex marriages. No other country allows same sex marriages. I do not believe we had the opportunity to vote for Judge Michalski, so why should we allow an appointed official to set policy for the people of Alaska.

Frankly I am surprised this is even an issue to consider. It is so ludicrous that at first I gave it a laugh, believing no one in their right mind could consider seriously this philosophy. As you know, I was wrong. Let me add my voice to the crowd who say this is wrong. It will cost Alaska far more than tax dollars. The very foundation of our state and country is built on the foundation of solid homes of two opposite gender parents. I look forward to seeing how you vote on this issue.

Respectfully,



Patty Barsalou



## ALASKA DISCOVERY

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April 2, 1998

Dear Senator Leman:

We are writing as an owner of an Alaskan tourism company in opposition to SJR 42. Our business sustains our family, as well as our 40 plus employees. We are concerned that the State of Alaska is embarking on a negative campaign, represented by SJR 42 which could have serious impacts to the Alaska tourism industry.

In order for tourism in Alaska to remain healthy, our state needs to show respect for all potential visitors. People of all races, genders, sexual orientations, etc., need to feel welcome by our state. By passing resolutions and constitutionally questionable laws against gays and lesbians, we are thus stating that we are unfriendly to this large constituency and client base. Successful boycotts in other states and cities have done great damage to tourism businesses. We respectfully urge you not to put our company at risk in this way.

Thank you in advance to your best response to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Susan Warner and Ken Leghorn

c: Alaska State Senators



Urgent!

Senator Bush Sharp  
~~SEN. LEHMAN, LEGISLATORS:~~

SECONDARY SEXUAL CHARACTERISTICS UPON VISUAL ASSESSMENT MAKES IT USUALLY APPARENT TO THE CLERK ISSUING A MARRIAGE LICENSE TO DO SO AND A SIMPLE CHROMOSOME TEST OF XY OR XX WOULD BACK UP THE LEGALITY OF ISSUING A MARRIAGE LICENSE.

NO SUCH SCIENCE EXISTS TO DAY. UNTIL A GENETIC HOMOSEXUAL FACTOR IS READILY AVAILABLE FOR MARRIAGE LICENSING, DO NOT ALLOW HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES BY THE STATE. HOMOSEXUALS ARE INVOLVED IN A MONITARY SCAM TO INVADE <sup>BY</sup> SAME SEX HEALTH CARE AND RETIREMENT PRIVILEGES MADE BY GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISE TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND THE SPOUSES WHO SURVIVE THE WAGE EARNER. Income tax deductables, grants to each child in the family, free school, protection laws are in place to promote survival of the species. THOSE WITHOUT CHILDREN GO WITHOUT.

THERE IS NO SUCH A THING AT THIS TIME AS A GENETICALLY IDENTIFIABLE HOMOSEXUAL. FAKED BEHAVIOR BY A NORMAL PERSON TOWARD A SELF PROCLAIMED HOMOSEXUAL COULD BY THE SEXUALLY NORMAL PERSON PROSTITUTING THEMSELVES GAIN NEEDED BUT DENIED HEALTH CARE, THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF RETIREMENT FUNDS AND INHERITANCE TAX BREAKS. WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER TO MAKE HEALTH CARE UNIVERSAL AND AVAILABLE TO THE MEDICALLY UNINSURABLE AND THOSE DENIED HEALTH CARE? AT THE SAME TIME DENY COURT GRANTED ALIMONY AND SURVIVOR BENEFITS TO HOMOSEXUALS CLAIMING MARITAL RIGHTS. TAKE AWAY THE MONEY AND THE RECOGNITION PROBLEM WILL GO AWAY. PROTECT OUR FUTURE CHILDREN.

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Terry  
T.P. Burrell

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Senate J.R. 42

JANET F. GARECHT  
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April 6, 1998

Via facsimile to 907-465-2070

The Honorable Bert Sharp  
Alaska Senate  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

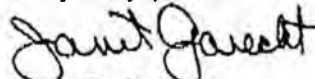
Re: Proposed Constitutional Amendment  
SJR 42

Dear Senator Sharp:

I am writing as a registered voter and concerned citizen of Alaska to ask you to support SJR 42. I am a firm believer in the institution of marriage -- the traditional marriage between one man and one woman. Marriage and the family are the foundation of our civilization. It is absolutely wrong for one, unelected judge to redefine this institution, without the people of Alaska being involved in the decision. Passage of SJR 42 will allow the voters to decide the issue, as it should be. It will give the people a chance to say to Judge Peter Michalski, "You're overruled!"

I ask you to stand firm in support of SRJ 42 and traditional marriage. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
Janet F. Garecht

**FAX COVER SHEET**

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**06, Apr 1998 10:58 AM**

**To: Senator Bert Sharp**

**Attn: Bert Sharp**

**Fax #: 1-907-465-2070**

**This is a QuickFax.**

**Note: Dear Senator: I strongly urge you to support SJR42. We as Alaskans and as a Country need STRONG TRADITIONAL FAMILY IDEALS. Please support family values.**

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION OFFICE  
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DATE: 4/2/98

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written  
testimony for the

Senate Finance (SB 42) teleconference scheduled on  
4/1/98. A copy of this testimony was  
transmitted to your committee via fax.

Thank you,

*Frank Fly L10*



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate <sup>FINANCE</sup> Judiciary  
Committee Name  
 Committee on Senate Joint Resolution No. 42(JUD) Dated April 1, 1998  
Bill / Subject

I am against the above resolution. My reasons are as follows.

- Married persons are more stable members of society because an individual is less likely to up root themselves and take unnecessary risks when they will affect a loved partner. Therefore it follows that both parties will be more productive. In case of the disability of one partner the other partner is legally bound to provide for the disabled individual. This would offset any costs to the State in the end.
- The majority of Alaskans maintain the opinion that there is already too much government in our lives. We pride ourselves on our individualism. Same sex marriage is an individual choice that does not harm anyone.
- The State does not currently recognize same sex marriages. There is no need to amend the constitution, changing something that will not change anything. *Why are you wasting my money?*
- If this amendment is being put forth because some people believe that same sex marriages are morally wrong and a sin, then this piece of legislation should never have seen the light of day. The United States constitution and our State constitution adhere to the principles of Freedom of Choice, Freedom of Religion, and the Separation of Church and State.

SIGNED:

Gregg Ritter  
 Testifier

Gregg Ritter  
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Senator Loren Leman,  
State Capitol, Room 115, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182.  
fax 907-465-3810

Dear Senators,

I urge you to oppose SJR 42, The Gay Marriage Ban. I have heard outrageous claims - some to the effect that if we allow gays to marry, what is to stop incestuous marriages?! Give me a break! - I have never heard of any group promoting incest, and Gays certainly do NOT!! This bill is clearly an attack on a group of law-abiding, hard-working tax-paying citizens - simply because they are different. I am convinced that Alaskans and Americans are better than this!

Would you please explain to me:

1) What purpose do you believe SJR 42 serves? (Especially now that the Senate has unanimously approved SCR 25, urging a speedy appeal of the Brause-Doogan case)? Since the Senate already has requested the courts to resolve this matter, what do you think will be gained from legislative action on this issue at this time?

2) This is clearly a Civil Rights issue! Why would you promote SJR-42, which only serves to violate both the privacy rights and the inherent equal rights of all citizens of the state of Alaska?!

As an Alaskan I believe strongly that the government should not be meddling in the very private and intimate realm of a person's choice of life partner. Surely the Legislature has better things to do than to try to tell us who we can love and live with?! If you infringe the privacy rights of this group, you will undermine everyone's rights!

It fails to see how it is in the interests of the State to interfere with the acceptance of personal responsibility for a partner. This resolution is a blatant attempt to discriminate against the committed gay couples in our communities.

I worry that if such a resolution were to pass, we would soon be seeing bans on cross-religious marriages, and on interracial marriages; - it will never end! If we allow discrimination against one group, we grant permission to restrict the freedoms of any other group who may fall out of political favor! I find this resolution highly offensive.

Please oppose this SJR #42! This Gay Discrimination Amendment should never have come up!

*cc. all Legislators*

Sincerely,  
  
Lisa Penalver

Dr. Marc Dumas, M.D.  
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Senator Loren Leman,  
State Capitol, Room 115, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182.  
fax 907-465-3810

Dear Senators,

I recommend you please withdraw SJR 42, which would amend the state constitution to narrowly define the marriage contract as only valid if between a man and a woman, and which would invalidate commitments between people of the same gender. I cannot believe you have nothing better to do than to try to interfere in private matters that have nothing to do with you or matters of the State!

1) What purpose do you believe SJR 42 serves? (Especially now that the Senate has unanimously approved SCR 25, urging a speedy appeal of the Brause-Dooqan case)? Since the Senate already has requested the courts to resolve this matter, what do you think will be gained from legislative action on this issue at this time?

2) This is a Civil Rights issue! Why would you promote SJR-42, which only serves to violate both the privacy rights and the inherent equal rights of all citizens of the state of Alaska?!

3) Finally, I respectfully request that SJR 42's sponsors and supporters respond to this letter, answering the questions I have raised here.

I live in Alaska because Alaskans believe strongly that the government should not be meddling in people's personal lives. Surely the Legislature has better things to do than to try to tell us who we can marry?! If you infringe the privacy rights of this group, you will undermine everyone's rights. Next, you'll be picking on immigrants and Jews!

Enough is enough! Get back to the real work you were sent to Juneau to do - Stop trying to make yourselves look good by "solving" imaginary problems! You are right about one thing - there exist corrupting influences in society. This hate-mongering bill is a perfect example.

Please oppose this SJR #42! Alaska does NOT need a Gay Discrimination Amendment!

Sincerely,  
  
Marc Dumas, M.D.

CC: All Alaska Legislators



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance  
 Committee on SR 42 Committee Name Dated 4/1/98  
Bill / Subject

Alaskans have the right of privacy for adults written into our Constitution. It is ~~not~~ inappropriate for government agents to try to take this right away by refusing to allow individuals to marry whom they choose. If marriage was a neutral situation, this would just be an aggravation. However, marriage confers financial, social and other ephemeral advantages on the individuals who marry. Therefore to forbid marriage to certain individuals only, or to limit the choice of have the government try to select a proper partner is discriminating, and against our Constitution.

SIGNED: Kathleen LEITZEB  
 Testifier

Self  
 Representing

831 Chena Hills Drive Fairbanks AK  
 Address / Phone Number 907-479-0686 99709

My name is Debbie Martinez. I've lived in Fairbanks since 1980. I am here this morning to testify against sJR 42.

The court has asked the state to provide a compelling reason why two persons of the same sex should not enjoy the privileges of marriage. SJR 42 appears to be a way for the legislature to by pass the court and legalize discrimination against a segment of the population.

I urge you to drop this discriminatory resolution and get on the real work of the government, like solving the subsistence issue, funding our universities, providing for public safety, etc.

Thank you.

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Testimony for April 1, 1998--Jeff Walters

I wish to testify today against Senate Joint Resolution No. 42, but because I am at work I am unable to attend the hearing. Therefore, I am having this testimony submitted with the resolution.

I am against Senate Joint Resolution No. 42 because it seeks to legislate discrimination and because it is an attack on the privacy rights of all Alaskans. The first statement of the resolution is undeniably meant to attack gay men and lesbians and to deny them the legal rights afforded to the heterosexual majority. The Superior Court judge noted in his decision that it is a fundamental right of all people to choose their life partner and that, had the will of the majority been left in place in the past, segregation would still exist today. I think this attack on a certain segment of our society is meant to keep that segment from attaining the rights that the majority has. It is discrimination, pure and simple.

The second line of the resolution disturbs me as much as the first. If passed by a majority of our population in November, the legislature could "by law, enact additional requirements relating to marriage." What in the world could this mean? Is our state legislature willing to go even further to dominate our population, invade their privacy, and eliminate their right to make their own decisions? This clear attack on the privacy and rights of Alaskans should be a warning to us all. How far will the state go to legislate its own view of morality?

I would like to add that I am a gay man and that I am in a long-term, committed, and loving relationship. My family, and the family of my life partner, are both wonderful and accepting. We spend holidays with them, talk on the phone often, and share wonderful times when we can visit. Two summers ago my life partner and I flew his mother and niece to Alaska for a visit: a wonderful experience for us all. To imply that our relationship is not as honorable and loving as other relationships is a personal

insult to not only me, but also to our families.

I have not been willing to publicly testify before because of my job, but I think it is important for you to know what I do for a living. I am a science and math teacher at West Valley High School here in Fairbanks, and the reason I cannot be here today is because I am at work, teaching a science class or working with my students. In the past I have not been willing to "come out" and be open about my relationship, but I now feel compelled to do so because of the nature of this resolution. I treat my students with respect for who they are, but I do not believe that this resolution affords me or many of my friends a similar respect. I am deeply troubled by the message that Senator Leman and others is sending out and, should this pass, I see a dangerous and divisive seven months ahead as this issue heads for a popular vote. I feel that I have no choice but to speak my conscience and follow my heart if this debate continues.

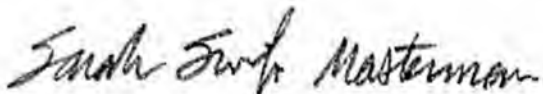
I urge you to defeat this resolution. Thank-you.

Jeff Walters  
P.O. Box 82708  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Testimony on SJR - 42

SJR - 42 is a bill that benefits no one. There is no individual, no group, and no constituency who would benefit from the passage of this bill. It is my opinion that this is basically an issue of equal rights. Not special rights, but equal rights. It is also my belief that no group benefits from restricting the rights of others. One of the lessons of the civil rights movement is this: when we restrict the rights and freedoms of one group of Americans we restrict the rights, freedoms and progress of all Americans.

Furthermore, I believe that a public debate on this issue would be divisive. It would create anger, fear, and disunity at time when Alaskans need to come together to work for positive solutions to the larger issues affecting our society. The legislature and the Alaskan people are currently facing many important issues that affect all Alaskans. Why should we spend our time and energy debating a bill from which no one will benefit? I suggest that SJR -42 be dropped so that the legislature and the Alaskan people can focus on moving forward together.



Sarah Swift Masterman  
Fairbanks, Alaska

## Public Opinion Statement

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Fairbanks, AK 99708  
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My name is Dena Ivey and I am a Yup'ik woman, born and raised in Fairbanks. The premise upon which SJR-42 is founded alarms me, not simply because of its obvious discriminatory nature, but also that legislation such as this is certainly unconstitutional.

The Christian Coalition clearly has an agenda that favors SJR-42 and other similar legislation. This comes as no surprise to me personally, as the premise that belies SJR-42 is based upon religious values. What is confusing to me, and perhaps someone can explain this, is how can it be that such legislation exists, when the Constitution clearly and explicitly prohibits the interaction of church and state?

Article One, Section Four in the Bill of Rights of the Alaska Constitution states, "No law shall be made respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." This provision is termed "Freedom of Religion." Article one of the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution states essentially the same with regard to religion.

It is irrefutable that the basis of SJR-42 is certainly a series of religious moral values. What is also irrefutable is that these religious moral values belong within the confines of the church, and have no place in the affairs of the state. I realize, however, that this is stating the obvious.

The not so obvious are reasons why this legislation should be struck down, that is to say, what compelling arguments I could assert which would support same-sex marriage in Alaska. They are as follows:

1. Marriage is a stabilizing influence in our society, which promotes family and family values.
2. Gay and lesbian couples are denied significant benefits in the area of property and inheritance rights, legal standing, insurance and employment, and taxation because they cannot enter into state-sanctioned civil marriage.
3. A Hawaiian commission created to study same-sex marriage concluded that there are no reasons to deny marriage to these couples, and significant reasons to extend the benefits of marriage to them. These reasons include the right to be free from discrimination and equal protection of the law.
4. Civil marriage is not religious marriage. The separation of church and state protects religious denominations that disapprove of same-sex marriage from having to perform or recognize them. Just as some religions now do not recognize civil divorce, no religion can be forced to recognize marriages that go against their teachings.
5. SJR-42 is unnecessary and costly. No state currently performs marriages for same-sex couples. If, in the future, some state should begin to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples, the state courts will decide whether these marriages must be recognized. This legislation, if passed, guarantees that Alaska will face extensive litigation when these laws are challenged.
6. SJR-42 lacks a legitimate foundation in public policy. State policies that encourage monogamous marriage decreases the spread of sexually-transmitted diseases, can improve mental health by providing stable emotional support, and is consistent with state policies protecting freedom of

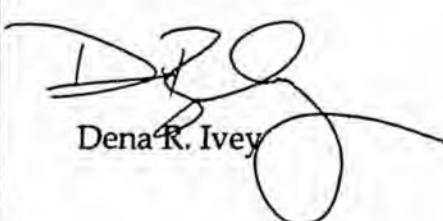
religion, protecting civil rights, and granting equal protection under the law. Legislation to restrict marriage runs counter to these positive public policy concerns.

7. SJR-42 would create a logistical nightmare for married couples. America is not a country where legally married couples need to get a marriage visa stamped every time they cross a state border. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court wrote, "Specifically regarding conflicts as to recognition of marital status, there is strong policy favoring uniformity of result. In an age of widespread travel and ease of mobility, it would create inordinate confusion and defy the reasonable expectations of citizens whose marriage is valid in one state to hold that marriage invalid elsewhere." (re Estate of Lenherr, 455 Pa. at 229-30, 314 A.2d at 258 (1974)).
8. SJR would create a legal nightmare. Imagine if married couples had to worry if their right to make medical decisions for each other, or if their spousal medical insurance was in-force simply because they came to Alaska? How will companies be able to maintain coherent personnel policies if their offices are required by conflicting state laws to treat the same employee differently depending on the state where he or she is working? This anti-marriage legislation is counter to the established legal rules, rights and responsibilities of marriage.
9. The proposed legislation dangerously mixes religion into the business of the state. Religions and philosophies differ with regard to the moral imperatives they either condemn or condone. While some find same-sex unions repugnant, others embrace and sanctify them. If the moral position of some is enshrined as a legal prohibition against marriage for same-sex couples, what other moral positions can be enacted into law? Should the state allow adulterers to remarry? Should procreation be a requirement for a marriage couple?

(Taken from <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/ais/cs/user/scotts/ftp/wpaf2mc/points.html>)

Traditionally, marriage has been defined as a union between a man and a woman. However, marriage has also been "traditionally" defined as a union between two people of the same religion or the same race, and one in which wives were the property of their husbands. As early as the 1960s, state governments denied interracial couples the right to marry. Those "traditional" elements changed to reflect the equality of individuals. Today we recognize that the choice of a marriage partner belongs to each person, not to the state. Although domestic partnerships are a step in the right direction, no domestic partnership plan provides the same sort of responsibilities, benefits, protections and acknowledgement that marriage does. In short, domestic partnership is no substitute for civil marriage. In 1989, Denmark became the first country to legalize same-gender marriage, which they term 'registered partnerships'. Since then, two other countries, Norway in 1993 and Sweden on June 7, 1994, have also legalized same-gender unions. In all three countries, public opinion has been generally more accepting of these unions since their legalization. To illustrate the progress the United States has made, I conclude with the following: not long ago, opponents of interracial marriage argued that ending that discrimination would lead to polygamy. It did not, because one thing has nothing to do with the other, and the American public realized and acknowledged this in its acceptance of interracial marriage. There is perhaps, some hope that the American public will do the same for same-sex marriage today.

Sincerely Yours,



Dena R. Ivey

I am in favor of family values. Each and every gay man and lesbian comes from a family. In my family, all members are treated equally. In this "family" we call Alaska, all citizens should be treated equally and given the same rights, including the right to marry.

The Superior Court has asked the State of Alaska to show a why it has compelling interest in banning gay marriages. The legislators who support SJR-42 are afraid this is difficult. Why would it be difficult to show a compelling interest? Because there is no compelling interest to ban Gay marriages.

In fact, the State of Alaska has a compelling interest to allow gay men and lesbians to marry. Marriage is a contract to take care of each other. For instance, if 1 person is not working, the other supports both, RATHER THAN THE STATE OF ALASKA. If 1 person is in poor health, the other's health insurance can provide medical care, RATHER THAN THE STATE OF ALASKA. Because of this mutual financial responsibility to one another, people who are married are less likely to rely on Public Assistance in times of need.

Thousands of laws regarding marriage already exist, and those laws are intended to help spouses take care of each other. Gay men and Lesbians already form partnerships and take care of each other, but without the legal responsibilities to do so. It is in the best interest of the State of Alaska to allow ALL its citizens the legal responsibilities of taking care of one another, in the form of marriage.

No one is asking that churches be required to perform Gay or Lesbian marriages. Marriage as a religious ceremony is different from marriage as a legal institution. The legal version of marriage should be open to all adults in the State of Alaska, and to all members of every family.

Mari Galereave  
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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SENATE FINANCE  
 Committee on SJR 42 Committee Name  
 Dated 1 APR 98  
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I OPPOSE SJR 42.

I SINCERELY FEEL THAT IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF OUR LEGISLATURE TO UPHOLD THE RIGHTS OF ALL ALASKANS AS IS WRITTEN IN OUR CONSTITUTION RATHER THAN FINDING WAYS TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST SOME.

I AM ALSO NOT HAPPY WITH THE WAY OUR LEGISLATURE HAS BEEN HOLDING HEARINGS ON THIS SUBJECT, DENYING TESTIMONY FROM THOSE PRESENT AND HOLDING HEARINGS AT TIMES THAT PREVENT THOSE THAT ARE WORKING FROM PARTICIPATING.

THE LEGISLATURE ASKED FOR THE COURT SYSTEM TO TAKE THIS ISSUE UP AND LEGISLATORS MAKE A DECISION. WHY THEN IS THE LEGISLATURE CONTINUING TO PURSUE THIS ISSUE?



SIGNED:

Testifier

Representing

36 COLLEGE RD SUITE 2-236 FAIRBANKS AK 99701  
 Address / Phone Number

Please direct this to the Senate Finance Committee.

Hello,

I am opposed to SJR-42 for several reasons.

I am a Unitarian Universalist and our first three principles affirm and promote:

1. the inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. justice, equity and compassion in human relations
3. acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations

We have a long tradition of welcoming homosexuals within our churches and ministry. Our local fellowship has and will continue to perform gay marriages as requested by those from the gay community. It is unfortunate that these marriages are not legally binding.

The Alaska Constitution does not need to be amended to further restrict the civil rights of homosexuals. At the very least, I would urge our legislators to allow the courts to test the legality of this amendment before it is submitted to the ballot.

I am tired of seeing legislation passed which will not survive court challenges. It is a waste of our tax monies to continue to allow this to happen.

Respectfully,

Richard Kemnitz  
P.O.Box 84734  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
457-9009

31 March, 1998

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to vote against SJR42. I have many concerns about this bill.

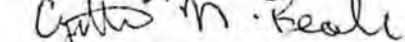
There are many issues that I might support as amendments to our state constitution, but a "marriage" issue is not one of them. There are many issues that require the attention of our legislature, and this bill seems only a to detract from these. As I see it, SJR42 will allow our legislature to pass any law that they see fit to apply to marriage. Will it stop at only preventing marriage between two individuals who love each other if they are the same sex? Perhaps they will soon see fit to allow marriage only between a man and a woman if they will have children. Perhaps they will make marriage legal only if the couple is Christian, and belong to a church that they agree with. The underlying message of this bill is that the church and the state should not be separated, for it is the "church" that has the mandate that marriage should exist only between a man and a woman.

SJR42 is a bill that will support discrimination against individuals who are gay or lesbian. This bill will divide communities where laws should work to unite individuals. Any bill that sets up state-supported discrimination is wrong. I see this leading only to an increase in hate crimes.

Further, I don't see who this bill will benefit in the state of Alaska. Married people pay taxes, hold jobs, build families, and support the communities in Alaska. What harm will come if some of those marriages are between two women or two men?

Please vote against SJR42!

Sincerely,



Cynthia M. Beale

P.O. Box 80202

Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

01 April 98

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in opposition of SJR42. I am completely baffled at the attention this bill is getting when I consider the other issues the legislature needs to bring closure on. I would like to see attention given to the funding of education, resolving the subsistence priority issue, and dealing with decreasing revenues on a state level.

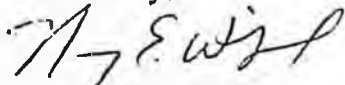
As difficult as it is at times, I try to trust the parameters that are set forth by our national and state constitutions. The judicial branch of our state government determined that it was unconstitutional on a state level to not allow to people of the same sex to marry. The state has been asked to present a compelling reason why it is in the states best interest to disallow same sex marriages. I would ask that you continue to let the courts do their job. The solution isn't creating legislation that allows discrimination, it's that constitutional laws that treat everyone fairly need to be written.

The arguments for this bill are for the most part religious arguments. Religions are in the business of dictating and defining morality. The government's business is administering justice under the law, and protecting the rights of minorities against tyranny.

In addition to my comments above, I would like to add that SJR 42 is just one more piece of legislation that will cause a division between the people of Alaska. The proposed legislation on education funding and resolving the issue of subsistence are just 2 issues that create a division.

I would ask that you oppose SJR 42 and put it to rest so that the more pressing issues and concerns can be dealt with and let the courts do their job.

Sincerely,



Nancy E. Winford  
P.O. Box 80202  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

P.S. I appreciate the opportunity to be able to give my input on this bill and am thankful that people are provided the opportunity to testify. Thank you, Bert Sharp!

**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF ALASKA  
DISTRICT 35**

Mrs. Debbie Joslin, Chairperson  
PO Box 377, Delta Jct, AK 99737  
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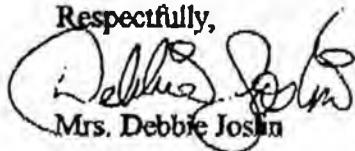
April 6, 1998

Dear Senator:

I urge you to pass SJR42. Please let the people of Alaska decide the outcome of this issue. It makes no sense to hand this decision over to one unelected unaccountable judge.

I find it unfathomable that we would let an impudent judge tell us that because some people have chosen to live outside the norms of society, we must redefine what is "normal". Enough! Stop already!! I for one am drawing a line in the sand right here. I will not tolerate the continual "defining down" of what "marriage" means. For thousands of years it has meant one man and one woman living together within the bonds of matrimony for a lifetime. Perhaps raising children together, growing old together if God allows. If some, or if many, choose to live a lifestyle that deviates from that norm, then yes that is their choice. They may do that. But there is nothing wrong with placing a stigma on deviant behavior. Men may live with men, women may live with women, men and women may live together without getting married, and indeed marriage may NOT last a lifetime but those things are not how GOD intended and our society is under no obligation to endorse deviances from the "norm". The traditional family is the cornerstone of our society and unless we recognize that fact and protect this most precious institution that GOD ordained, our society will crumble as did Sodom and Gomorra.

Respectfully,



Mrs. Debbie Joslin

# FAX

Lois Giles  
P.O. Box 915  
Barrow, AK 99723

TO:

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To	BERT SHARP
Co.	SENATOR
Dept.	STATE CAPITOL
Fax #	465-2070

## REGARDING: SAME GENDER / HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES

Please say NO to same-gender marriages. Marriage and the family are the foundation of our civilization. We do not want same-sex marriages which will further lead to the breakdown of the family unit. Men compliment women and as such is a natural union of strength in which children can grow and flourish.

We do not want an influx of homosexuals from all over the country to come to Alaska. Please say NO to SJR 42 and preserve our families. Let us work on strengthening them and raising generations of children who need the care of loving mothers and examples of their fathers so that they become contributing adults.

*Lois Giles*

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**Jason-Peter K. Kalai**  
680 West 91st Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99516  
Home Phone 907-344-0586

April 06, 1998

Senator Bert Sharp  
State Capitol  
Juneau AK 99801  
Fax 465-2070

Dear Senator Sharp,

I have lived in Alaska since 1982 and have looked forward to making Alaska my permanent home. My intentions are to marry and raise my family here. I have come to recognize how important family unity is to the foundations of our country. The health of the family unit is fundamental in creating harmony, unity, loyalty and productivity at every level of our society. By permitting we promote. By recognizing same sex marriages we pervert the function of the family unit sowing discord and creating confusion. Therefore causing the breakdown of society at its' very roots. If Senate Bill SJR 42 will amend the Alaska State Constitution to unequivocally establish marriages between men and women only then I urge you to please vote for its' passage.

Sincerely,



Jason-Peter K. Kalai

*Deanne B. Crony  
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**Dianne Burrows Croney**

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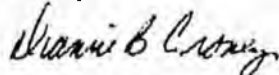
April 05, 1998

Senator Bart Sharp  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Ak 99801  
Fax 465-2070

Dear Senator Sharp,

I strongly urge you to support the proposed amendment SJR 42. We must protect traditional marriages in the state of Alaska. Marriage was created as a union between men & women and so it should stand. To allow same sex marriage would be to erase gender. Is it possible to pass a law saying there are no longer two genders, but only one gender? Or three genders? Alaska is still referred to as the last great frontier. I ask you where would our pioneer fathers be if same sex marriage had been encouraged. Is this what our pioneers struggled so hard to achieve. Is Alaska to become a modern day Sodom & Gomorra? Will we as a result of one judges decision be encouraging polygamy or men marrying their daughters? Why not? If law makers can choose to make a mockery of the Sacrament of Marriage, why would it stop with just men marrying men or women marrying women? I would like to believe that what Judge Peter Michalski was really attempting to do was bring to attention to the people of Alaska a loop hole in the Alaska State Constitution that could easily be exploited by a radical group seeking to fulfil their own purposes. We read every day of the struggles our society faces. We can only meet these challenges by protecting and nurturing the family unit. Please protect our heritage and our future, validate the family unit as God and our forefathers who followed his teachings when they created our country outlined. Passage of SJR 42 will allow the voters of Alaska to decide the issue. We have the vote for just such choices as these.

Sincerely,



Dianne B. Croney

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# PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY

Your Voice Against Intolerance

April 8, 1998

Via fax

Senator Bert Sharp  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: SJR-42

Dear Senator Sharp:

Recently, I wrote to you on behalf of our many hundreds of Alaska members in opposition to SJR-42, a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage and relegate gay and lesbian Alaskans to the status of second class citizens. Since then, we have learned that the Christian Coalition has urged its members to flood your offices with messages in support of this discriminatory proposal. I am not surprised by this news, since the intolerance and virtual demonizing of gay men and lesbians are two of the hallmarks of that group. Our organization tracks the activities of the Religious Right nationwide, and I can tell you that the Christian Coalition is working feverishly around the country to deny fundamental civil rights to gay men and lesbians, as though the world would come to an end if these members of our community were to be accorded the basic human rights that the rest of us enjoy and take for granted, including the right to marry the partner of our choice.

As a Southern Baptist and the daughter and granddaughter of Southern Baptist preachers, I believe that the intolerant message of the Christian Coalition is not a Christian message at all. To the contrary, it is an uncharitable message that violates the American Way of individual liberty and the Alaskan spirit of "live and let live." On behalf of our Alaska members, I strongly urge you not to allow the Alaska Constitution to fall victim to bigotry, intolerance, and prejudice. Civil rights cannot properly be subjected to a vote, and the fundamental protections of the Alaska Constitution should not be put up for grabs.

Please reject SJR-42. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carole Shields  
President

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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OPPOSE

**Subject:** vote no on SJR-42

**From:** curtll@ptialaska.net (Curt Ledford) at CC2MHS1 04/09/98 6:13 AM

**cc:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS

**cc:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA

**cc:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS

**cc:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA

**cc:** Senator Robin Taylor at LAA\_STAY

**cc:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR

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Dear Senator:

As a happily heterosexual being, I believe in our  
Constitution---equal rights for all. Please vote no on SJR-42. THANK  
YOU!!!! Sandra Fontaine  
Sitka, Alaska

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**cc:Mail (r): Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** Please read: new reason against SJR 42

**From:** sean\_strauss@hotmail.com (Sean Strauss) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 11:49 PM

**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA

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Senator Sharp:

Please vote no on SRJ 42. I see this not as an issue about gay rights, but rather an issue of privacy and free speech.

Instead of validating a marriage between only "one man and one woman," SRJ 42 would discourage some people from expressing love and declaring commitment in the way in which they choose. Thus, it defines (and limits) people in what they might otherwise feel comfortable in expressing, publicly or privately.

How a person expresses their emotions, in any form, is clearly a private, personal choice, and thus protected by the right to privacy and the right to freedom of speech. I believe that these rights must be safeguarded.

Your vote is a powerful expression of your choice. Please do not lessen the strength of others by limiting what they may choose to express. I ask you to allow the rights of privacy and free speech to remain the responsibility of all people.

Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully yours,

Sean Strauss  
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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** russcarey@hotmail.com (Russell Carey) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 11:29 PM

**bcc:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA

**To:** Senator\_Albert\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator:

Please vote against SJR 42. Please hold the privacy of all Alaskans in high regard and work to keep the government out of the private affairs of its' citizens. Save us from the desire of the fundamentalist Christian Coalition to impose their code of morality on the general populous. Not all Alaskans are fundamentalist. Not all of us are traditionalists. Not all of us are homophobic. Not all of us want to impose our religious views on others.

Please realize that a vote against this narrow-minded resolution is a vote FOR strengthening Alaska's families through diversity. Gay families already exist in our society, it's time to end heterosexual privilege and bigotry. As an elected representative of all Alaskans, including the minorities in our society, please do the right thing. Vote NO on SJR 42.

Thank you for your time.

R. Carey

Juneau, Alaska

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** Bill SJR-42

**From:** Ismaj1@aurora.alaska.edu (marilyn Jesmain) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 8:43 PM

**cc:** Senator Loren Leman at LAA\_SLEM

**cc:** Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA\_CAP

**cc:** Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA\_CAP

**cc:** Senator Mike Miller at LAA\_SMIL

**cc:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS

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**To:** Senator\_Tim\_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Please vote against SJR-42.

This is a very prejudicial and biased bill, and jeopardizes human rights.

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** sofallon@alaska.net (Shannon O'Fallon) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 6:27 PM

- To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA
- To:** Senator Dave Donley at LAA\_SDON
- To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA
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- To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS
- To:** Senator Jim Duncan at LAA\_SDUN
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- To:** Senator\_Seán\_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
- To:** Senator\_Tim\_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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I am writing to oppose SJR 42 which would ban same sex marriages. The Legislature should let this issue make its way through the courts before taking such a drastic measure. It is alarming how lightly some legislators take our constitution. Don't be one of them. Please vote no on SJR 42.

Shannon O'Fallon  
Kevin Shores  
432 Gold St.  
Juneau, AK 99801

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** No to SJR-42  
**From:** kkp@eagle.ptialaska.net (Kate Koehler-Platten) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 8:25 PM  
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Vote no on SJR-42  
-Kate Koehler-Platten

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** jfin@alaska.net (Jean Findley) at CC2MHS1 04/08/99 5:15 PM

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Dear Senator,

Please vote against SJR 42. Adults should have the right to marry the person they love, regardless of that person's sex. I believe that this will strengthen our society.

Sincerely,  
Jean Findley

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** NO on SJR 42  
**From:** ahttd@UAA.ALASKA.EDU (Trang Duong) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 4:10 PM  
**cc:** Senator Robin Taylor at LAA\_STAY  
**cc:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
**cc:** Senator Mike Miller at LAA\_SMIL  
**cc:** Senator Loren Leman at LAA\_SLEM  
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**To:** Senator\_AI\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**cc:** Senator\_Sean\_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senators:

VOTE NO on SJR 42!!! This resolution aims to strip the constitutional rights of a minority group of people. That is not just nor is it right. Please remember that the rights of the minority are as important as the opinion of the majority.

As Alaskans, we must vote for freedom and for the constitutional right for EVERYONE to liberty and justice for all. Do NOT support SJR 42!

Thank you,

Trang Duong

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** Vote NO on SJR-42

**From:** twiname@alaska.net (Ellen Twiname) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 3:42 PM

**bcc:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA

**To:** twiname@alaska.net at CC2MHS1

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Please vote NO on SJR-42. Thank you.

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** Vote No SJR-42

**From:** jsjpp@acad1.alaska.edu at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 11:24 PM

**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA

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Dear Senator,

This bill should not be brought up for ballot since it encourages the disregard of members of our society based on their sexual inclinations. Couples should be granted equal rights and respect whether they cohere with the religious or "moral" standards of others or not. There are far more serious social ailments than how people sexually express themselves for our government to concern itself with. Wasting the time and money tax-payers have invested in our elected officials on issues like this only compromises our political representatives integrity and detracts from the trust the voting populace invests in our leaders that our leaders will work to improve social conditions by promoting public harmony. Homosexuality does not harm people--but prejudice against it often does. We should look at how we can help provide for people and support people in positive ways. Why not look at what our state can do FOR people, rather than AGAINST people? Do not let our state deny its law-abiding citizens the right to live healthy, productive, free, and enjoyable lives. Quash this bill before it goes to the ballot.

With sincere respect,  
Jeff Federsen

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** SJR 42, Please Vote NO  
**From:** mbuck@alaska.net (Marsha Buck) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 3:07 PM  
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**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
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**To:** Senator\_Mike\_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**cc:** mbuck@alaska.net at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator,

Church and state issues appear to be getting very confused as discussion regarding SJR 42 heats up. Please respect the constitutional rights of all Alaska's minority people and vote NO if SJR 42 comes up for a vote on the floor of the Senate. We can differ on our religious views about same sex marriage, but that does not mean we need to change our Constitution because of our differences.

Thank you for working very hard to keep religious issues separate from your legislative responsibilities.

Marsha Buck  
8445 Kimberly St.  
Juneau, AK 99801

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** important to me  
**From:** akdisco@Alaska.NET at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 12:26 PM  
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Dear Senator,

I ardently oppose SJR 42. I feel Alaska is treating gay people like Alabama treated black people back in the 50's. It is not fair, it is not right and it is not Christian to hate and discriminate against a group of people who have caused us no harm. We will look back on this time with great embarrassment. Please vote against this mean-spirited resolution. Thank You!

4-8-98

Dear Senator,

Please don't let religion,  
fear, and hatred decide the  
fate of SJR 42.

Vote "No" on  
SJR 42

*Dr. Jean Battig*

Dr. Jean Battig  
970 Chena Ridge Rd.  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709  
907-479-0001

owner of Chena Ridge Veterinary Clinic

4/8/98

DEAR SENATOR

Vote no on SSR 42

Janet Sue Sobotta  
P.O. 709651  
Ft. Belknap, AK 99707  
907-479-0001

I have already spoken to several legislators about my opposition to SJR 42. I want to reiterate my objections and briefly voice some of my concerns.

We don't need to make laws and constitutional amendments that further marginalize the gay population. Some of the rhetoric that I have heard on this issue has not been from the view point of concern or even fact-finding but its tone has been blaming, anger and in some cases hateful.

I hope that you will ask the question what is your higher value your most important goal? Does this law focus on the true goal of coming to a workable compromise that recognizes difference lifestyles?

Some of the comments I have heard coming from the legislature reminds me of a quotation by Robertson Davis, "The world is full of people whose notion of satisfactory future is in fact, a return to the idealized past." In this case, I suspect that is "the closet".

Winston Churchill reflected on society and said, "It doesn't take all kinds, there simply are all kinds!" Can't we be tolerant of all kinds?

Warmest regards,  
Karen F. Miller  
10021 Crest View Lane  
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**FAX to Senator Georgianna Lincoln: 465-2652,  
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**from Nancy Kailing  
PO Box 84680  
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**Dear Senators,**

**As our senators, I wanted you to have a partial list of Fairbanks area residents AGAINST SJR-42. Pages 5 & 6 are all Unitarian Universalists from Fairbanks. The rest of the signatures represent a wide variety a religious beliefs. Many are UAF students and faculty.**

**SJR-42 is a basic human rights and privacy issue. Vote NO.**

**Sincerely,**

*Nancy Kailing*

**Nancy Kailing**

**Pres. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)-  
Fairbanks**

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FAX NO. 907 456 3346

P. 08

To: members of the Alaska Senate  
From: Kim Poole

Re: SJR-42

**PLEASE VOTE NO ON SJR-42.**

I am a member of the Human Rights Commission of the City and Borough of Juneau, and an ordained minister. I am urging you to vote in opposition to SJR-42.

While voting in the affirmative may reflect your own personal beliefs, or those of many of your constituents, an affirmative vote says to those persons in a minority group that reside in your district that you do not support nor represent them. Elected officials are charged with representing all of their constituents, as best as possible. Each and every minority group will be watching to see how you respond, knowing that if you choose to not support one minority, you may in turn, fail to support other minority groups. In an election year, that may be a costly mistake.

If you cannot find a legal reason why you should support the resolution I urge to you vote in opposition to it. If there is no legal reason to support your vote, it will eventually be overturned by the courts, a process that will be quite costly to the citizens of the state.

Please let the courts decide this matter and move on to issues that will serve more citizens than this issue.

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Alaska State Legislature  
Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: SJR 42

Dear Legislator:

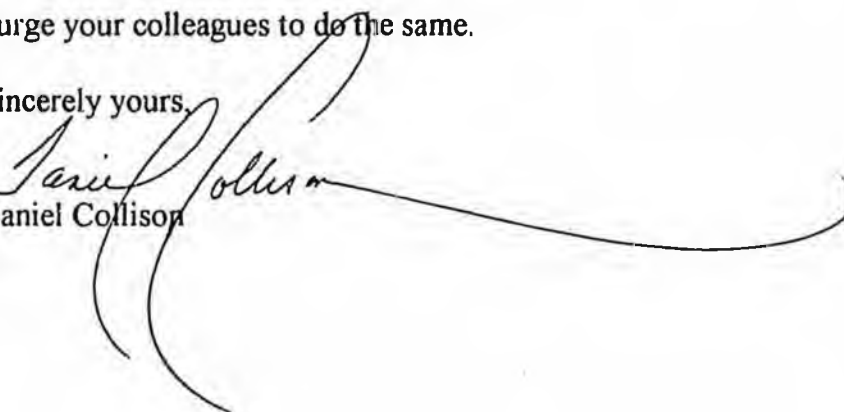
The attached recent poll of Anchorage voters supports what you have been hearing in testimony, letters, POMs, and e-mails over the past few weeks—Alaskans greatly value our State Constitution and do not want it used as a vehicle to deny equal rights. In the poll, conducted by Craciun and Associates during the week of April 5-10, 51% were opposed to SJR 42, while only 31% supported such a constitutional amendment. The poll also disclosed Anchorage voters' deep allegiance to our State Constitution, overwhelmingly stating that amending the Constitution is a "very serious matter."

In addition to the polling results, under cover of this letter, we are submitting a summary of testimony before the Senate Finance sub-committee earlier this month indicating that out of the 153 people who testified statewide, a majority of 91 witnesses spoke out in opposition to SJR 42. Also, over 120 people showed up statewide to testify in opposition to SJR 42 in the Senate Judiciary committee, even though only a handful were given an opportunity to present their comments.

Also attached are over 300 signatures on petitions, which have been gathered statewide over the short period of the last ten days, urging you to oppose SJR 42. People for the American Way, representing its several hundred Alaska members, also has urged you to oppose the constitutional amendment on marriage. All this evidence of public opposition to SJR 42, together with the many letters, e-mails, POMs and phone calls you have received since this measure was introduced last month is only the tip of the iceberg. Should this measure reach the ballot, we expect an outpouring of opposition to amending the State Constitution to take away anyone's right to privacy and equal protection under the laws of the state.

Please vote NO on SJR 42 and urge your colleagues to do the same.

Sincerely yours,

  
Daniel Collison

attachments

**PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE: April 13, 1998**  
**PLACE: ANCHORAGE**

**SAME-SEX MARRIAGE PROHIBITION LACKS PUBLIC SUPPORT**

Opponents of SJR 42, which would amend the Alaska Constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage, have released the results of an Anchorage poll showing that the majority of Anchorage voters do not support the amendment.

Anchorage voters are clearly very concerned about the flurry of recent proposals to amend the state's constitution to restrict the civil rights of various groups. Craciun & Associates conducted a telephone poll of 407 registered Anchorage voters during the week of April 5-10. To the question "Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment to prohibit same-sex marriage in Alaska?" Fifty-one percent (51%) of the respondents answered "oppose," while thirty-eight percent (38%) would support such an amendment. The poll included other questions, such as whether or not Alaskans should be amending the constitution, questions relating to constitutional amendments restricting abortion; and a series of questions on bond issues, candidates for city elections, and the ATU sale. [See attached poll results].

SJR 42 is scheduled for a floor vote in the Senate this week. A two-thirds majority of both houses is necessary to put the measure on the November ballot. Public sentiments, meanwhile, are running high on the issue. The ACLU has scheduled a public forum on the issue at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening, April 15, at Cyrano's. Anchorage lawyer Allison Mendel will speak against the amendment, while Art Mathias, an Anchorage businessman, will speak in favor. "This is not just a local issue, and voters are right to be concerned about the erosion of civil rights," says Mendel. "Coretta Scott King, for example, recently spoke at the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund anniversary luncheon in support of civil rights for gays and lesbians." On that occasion, the civil rights leader, speaking to gay rights advocates, said that "Homophobia is like racism and anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry in that it seeks to deny a large group of people their dignity and personhood." Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is at the forefront of the legal battles in various states to obtain recognition of same-sex marriages.

In Anchorage: Allison Mendel, 279-5001; 243-7826  
In Juneau: Liz Dodd, 463-2601

**April Craciun Poll**  
**Produced By Craciun & Associates**

**TABLE 2: Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm with Craciun & Associates, an Anchorage-based research company. We are conducting a survey and this number was randomly selected. We would like to take just a few minutes of your time to ask about issues that impact the city of Anchorage. Your responses will be kept strictly confidential and I will be happy to answer any of your questions at the end of the survey. [IF RESPONDENT ASKS - THIS SHOULD TAKE 7-10 MINUTES.][IF OVER QUOTA MESSAGE APPEARS THANK AND TERMINATE]**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>407</b>
Male	205	50%
Female	202	50%

**TABLE 3: With your permission, we'd like to have the option to use your anonymous response in our on air broadcast of the Craciun Report. Would that be okay with you?**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>407</b>
Yes	389	96%
No	18	4%

**TABLE 4: Are you a registered voter in the state of Alaska? [IF NO, PLEASE ASK IF ANYONE IN THE HOUSEHOLD IS, AND ARE THEY AVAILABLE TO SPEAK WITH]**

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Base</b>	<b>407</b>
Yes	407	100%
No	0	0%
Don't know/No answer	0	0%

**TABLE 48: Nearly fifty constitutional amendments have been suggested lately. Some people are saying "that's too many! Amending the constitution should be a serious matter, not to be taken lightly." Others say "Nonsense, it should actually be made easier to amend." What do you think? Is amending the constitution a very serious matter?**

TOTAL	Base	407
Yes	373	92%
No	25	6%
Don't know	9	2%
No answer/Refused	0	0%

**TABLE 49: Would you support or oppose an amendment to make it easier to amend the constitution?**

TOTAL	Base	407
Support	60	15%
Oppose	313	77%
Don't know	33	8%
No answer/Refused	1	0%

**TABLE 50: Election boundaries must be redrawn every two years. Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment to take the power to redraw election boundaries away from the Governor and give it to a committee appointed by the Legislature and the chief justice of the Supreme Court?**

TOTAL	Base	407
Support	178	44%
Oppose	159	39%
Un decided	61	15%
No answer/Refused	9	2%

**TABLE 51: Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment to prohibit same-sex marriage in Alaska?**

TOTAL	Base	407
Support	160	39%
Oppose	208	51%
Unfamiliar with it	0	0%
Undecided	34	8%
No answer/Refused	5	1%

**TABLE 52: Would you support or oppose a constitutional amendment to require parental consent before a girl under 17 can have an abortion?**

TOTAL	Base	407
Support	188	46%
Oppose	186	46%
Unfamiliar with it	2	0%
Undecided	27	7%
No answer/Refused	4	1%

**TABLE 53: Would you support or oppose any amendment which would restrict the availability of abortion for adult women?**

TOTAL	Base	407
Support	87	21%
Oppose	286	70%
Unfamiliar with it	1	0%
Undecided	28	7%
No answer/Refused	5	1%

**TABLE 54: The following questions are for statistical purposes only. May I ask what year were you born?**

**TABLE 55: Do you currently have children in a public or private school or both?**

TOTAL	Base	407
Yes, public	129	32%
Yes, private	26	6%
Yes, both	17	4%
No children	231	57%
Don't know/No answer	4	1%

**TABLE 56: How many years of formal education have you had the opportunity to complete?**

TOTAL	Base	407
High school/GED/or less	57	14%
Some college/Trade school	144	35%
Four year degree	110	27%
Some graduate school or degree	95	23%
Don't know/Refused	1	0%

**TABLE 57: Do you rent or own your home?**

TOTAL	Base	407
Rent	75	18%
Own	322	79%
Don't know/No answer	10	2%

**TABLE 58: May I ask what is your TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME? [READ LIST, IMMEDIATELY AFTER ASKING QUESTION, DON'T PAUSE]**

TOTAL	Base	407
Less than \$25,000	28	7%
\$25,000 to 40,000	56	14%
\$41,000 to 55,000	82	20%
\$56,000 to 70,000	69	17%
\$71,000 to 100,000	84	21%
Over \$100,000	60	15%
[DON'T KNOW/REFUSED]	28	7%

**TABLE 59: [TERMINATE] That was the last of the questions, thank you for your time.**

TOTAL	Base	407
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**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC TESTIMONY  
BEFORE THE  
SENATE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SJR 42  
MARCH 31 - APRIL 1, 1998**

**Of the 153 people who testified before the Senate Finance Subcommittee, 91 opposed Senate Joint Resolution 42, while 62 favored it.**

◆ March 31 (1:00-2:32 p.m.)

46 people testified from the following areas:

Homer – 1  
Ninilchik/Kenai area – 6  
Anchorage – 30  
Mat-Su – 9

◆ March 31 (7:10 to 9:35 p.m. – Televised statewide on Gavel-to-Gavel)

67 people testified from the following areas:

Sitka – 2  
Kodiak – 2  
Haines – 1  
Juneau – 62

◆ April 1 (7:03 to 8:20 a.m.)

40 people testified from the following areas:

Delta Junction – 7  
Dillingham – 4  
Barrow – 1  
Fairbanks – 28

<u>Individual Site Tally</u>	<u>Opposed to SJR 42</u>	<u>In Favor of SJR 42</u>
Homer	0	1
Kenai/Ninilchik	0	6
Anchorage	12	18
Mat Su	4	5
Sitka	1	1
Kodiak	0	2
Haines	1	0
Juneau	42	20
Delta Junction	0	7
Dillingham	4	0
Fairbanks	26	2
Barrow	1	0

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# PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY

Your Voice Against Intolerance

April 8, 1998

Via fax

Senator Al Adams  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Re: SJR-42

Dear Senator Adams:

Recently, I wrote to you on behalf of our many hundreds of Alaska members in opposition to SJR-42, a proposed constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage and relegate gay and lesbian Alaskans to the status of second class citizens. Since then, we have learned that the Christian Coalition has urged its members to flood your offices with messages in support of this discriminatory proposal. I am not surprised by this news, since the intolerance and virtual demonizing of gay men and lesbians are two of the hallmarks of that group. Our organization tracks the activities of the Religious Right nationwide, and I can tell you that the Christian Coalition is working feverishly around the country to deny fundamental civil rights to gay men and lesbians, as though the world would come to an end if these members of our community were to be accorded the basic human rights that the rest of us enjoy and take for granted, including the right to marry the partner of our choice.

As a Southern Baptist and the daughter and granddaughter of Southern Baptist preachers, I believe that the intolerant message of the Christian Coalition is not a Christian message at all. To the contrary, it is an uncharitable message that violates the American Way of individual liberty and the Alaskan spirit of "live and let live." On behalf of our Alaska members, I strongly urge you not to allow the Alaska Constitution to fall victim to bigotry, intolerance, and prejudice. Civil rights cannot properly be subjected to a vote, and the fundamental protections of the Alaska Constitution should not be put up for grabs.

Please reject SJR-42. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carole Shields  
President



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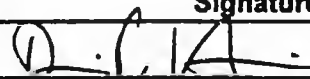



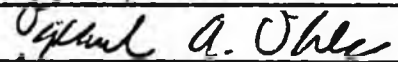
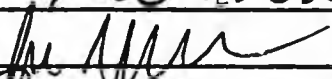
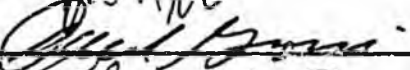

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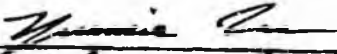
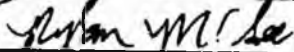
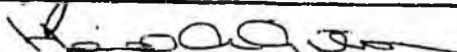
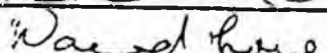
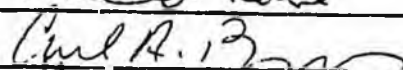
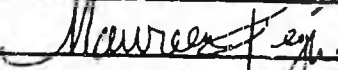
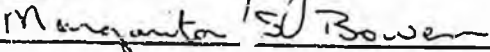
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# Senate Joint Resolution 42

## Alaska Constitution

### Article I, Section 1. Inherent Rights

This constitution is dedicated to the principles that all persons<sup>1</sup> have a natural right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and the enjoyment of the rewards of their own industry; that all persons are equal and entitled to equal rights, opportunities, and protection under the law; and that all persons have corresponding obligations to the people and to the State.

<sup>1</sup> Except gay people

Senator Loren Leman and other Legislators want to write an exception into the Alaska Constitution's guarantee of equal rights for all Alaskans.

## Who's next?

Contact your legislators today and tell them to

## VOTE NO ON SJR 42

Alaskans Against SJR 42, P.O. Box 34202, Juneau, AK 99803

April 8, 1998

TO: Rep. John Davies

FROM: Mark Schubauer  
PO Box 87  
Ester, AK 99725

*Mark Schubauer*

RE: SJR 42

Please consider opposing SJR 42. This Legislative initiative is premature in light of SJR 25, since the Supreme Court of Alaska has yet to rule on this issue. Everyone suffers when one branch of Government doesn't respect another branch.

Much of the rhetoric supporting SJR 42 draws on Biblical scripture. This is a dangerous blend of Church and State. Changing the State Constitution to accommodate literal interpretations of Biblical text undermines the credibility of both religion and the Legislature.

Furthermore, the Legislature has far more pressing issues to deal with this term. Why has this resolution been fast-tracked while long standing problems such as subsistence and U of AK funding remain gridlocked?

cc: all Legislators

2806 John Street #2  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Senator Loren Leman  
State Capitol, Room 115  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-1182

April 4, 1998

Dear Senator Leman:

I am strongly opposed to SJR 42. As a Christian, I believe that adults should be able and, in fact, encouraged to enter into lifetime marital relationships.

If two mature adults have made a loving commitment to spend their lives together, why should they not be allowed to marry? Why do you support and push for SJR 42 when it only serves to discriminate against Alaskan citizens who wish to act lovingly and responsibly? I am saddened by your actions, especially because I have known fine, responsible Alaskan couples who would very much like to seal their bond of love through marriage.

I also understand that it is not appropriate for the legislature to take action on the most basic rights of Alaskan citizens. This is the job of our courts. The checks and balances necessary to protect our democracy are at risk when the legislature involves itself in such matters. I wonder what you think will be gained from legislative action on this issue, as the Brause-Dugan case will be appealed by the courts.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts. I would very much appreciate a response to my letter which includes answers to the questions I have raised.

Sincerely,

*Marianne Mills*  
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cc: All Alaska Legislators

Tricia Yost  
1725 University Ave. D-29  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

Senator Loren Lemman  
State Capitol Building, Room 115  
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

31 March 1998

Dear Senator Lemman,

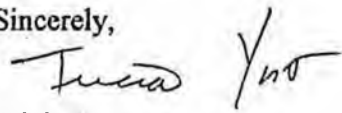
I am writing to express my opposition to SJR-42. This amendment violates both the privacy rights and the inherent equal rights of all Alaska citizens. I fear that our legislators are once again treating this as a moral issue, one that infringes on citizens' rights, as opposed to treating it as a *legal* issue.

I would also like to ask you what purpose you think SJR-42 serves now that the Senate has approved SCR-25, which urges a speedy appeal of the Brause-Dugan case. Since the Senate already has requested the courts to resolve this matter, what do you think will be gained from legislative action on SJR-42 at this time?

Further, I would like to know why you support and advocate SJR-42, as it only serves to violate both the privacy rights and the inherent equal rights of all citizens of the state of Alaska.

I encourage your response to these queries.

Sincerely,



Tricia Yost

Cc: All Alaska Legislators

April 9, 1998

TO: Rep. Gail Phillips, Speaker of the House

FROM: Mark Schubauer  
PO Box 87  
Ester, AK 99725

RE: Gridlock vs. Fast-track

Yesterday's front page headline in the Fairbanks News-Miner read **STEVENS RAPS GOP FOR SUBSISTENCE FAILURES**. I agree with Senator Stevens, we do need a Constitutional Ammendment this term. Unfortunately, the State Senate, led by Sen. Leman, has quickly churned out the wrong Ammendment (SJR 42). How unfortunate for all Alaskans that this same haste could not be applied to subsistence. The irony of SJR 42 is that the Courts have yet to issue their final ruling. In stark contrast, is the fact that regarding subsistence, the Courts have issued a final ruling. The gridlock in the Legislature over this will surely harm everyone. Please turn the attention of the House to the vital issue of subsistence and leave marriage alone, at least until such time as the courts indeed reach an ultimate conclusion.

cc: All Legislators

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Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 06:42:13 -0800  
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From: "L.Griffin" <lgriffin@ptialaska.net>  
Subject: My testimony on SJR 42  
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To: Alaska State Senate --  
A copy of my testimony before the Senate Finance sub-committee last week.  
Thank you for your time and consideration.

My name is Leanne Griffin. I have been an Alaskan since 1954. I would like to express my opposition to SJR 42. I firmly believe it is the duty of our elected legislators to protect the basic rights of the citizens of this state, not to seek methods to impinge those rights. The right of privacy and equal protection under the law are two such rights which I hold very dear. Further, it is folly to alter the constitution of the state with the sole intent and purpose of discriminating against a group of its citizens. I urge you not to do this.

This proposed amendment to the constitution is also untimely. The courts are not yet through with this issue. I seriously question the political agenda of those who would push for this amendment before it is resolved in the courts. My concern is that there will be one clear result of placing this proposed amendment on the ballot. It will be the same result that was seen in Colorado and Oregon when there was similar homophobic legislation placed on the ballot -- an increase in the amount and degree of discrimination and hate crimes against gay & lesbian citizens and the members of their families.

There are many difficult and divisive issues facing our state at this time. This amendment does nothing to heal the barriers between our citizens. It seeks only to harm them. Please vote against this.

April 14, 1998



Vote NO on SJR-42

**In America we're supposed to be free of another person's religion.**

**So why do Senator Leman and his followers think their religious beliefs should change the constitution of Alaska?**

You're getting swamped with messages from people who want to amend the constitution before the courts make a final decision. But look at the content of their messages. The content is religion-based. Why should their particular religious bias overrule the courts? **THAT is what is unconstitutional here.**

This isn't a numbers game — how many pro and con SJR-42. Leman and others are imposing a religious debate where instead secular constitutional law should govern.

**Actually, the vehement fury expressed by supporters of SJR-42 should be enough to convince you how wrong it would be to subject Alaskans to a ballot measure on this issue.**

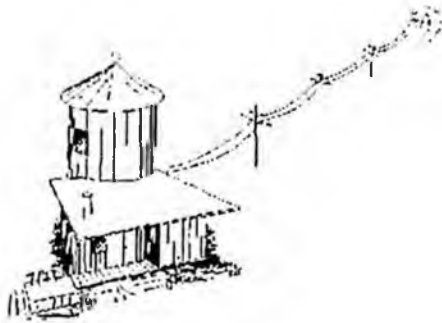
The irony is that so many religious people — and religions — do not agree with the supporters of SJR-42. To the contrary: more churches all the time perform same-sex marriage (United Church of Christ, Quakers, Unitarians, and others). And even many more churches who don't marry us do support our civil marriage.

**Please — listen to the fearful hateful rhetoric coming from supporters of SJR-42. It's exactly that kind of religious persecution that constitutions in America are supposed to protect us from!**

Please — I know each of you must know and care about people who are lesbian and gay. You know better than to believe the awful things supporters of SJR-42 are saying about us. You all know we're not the horrible people supporters of SJR-42 paint us to be.

**Please — stop this bill now! The ballot is no place for a religious argument.**

Please vote no on SJR-42. Its supporters want you to vote yes so they can pound their religious pulpits. But that's not what the constitution is for. Quite the contrary — the constitution is here to protect us from the tyranny of any religious bias. **The courts are the place for secular constitutional law.**



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April 14, 1998

Let our Legal System decide this issue .....

PLEASE

**VOTE NO**

in regard to

**SJR-42**

Thank you very much,

Eric B Walton

Jack and Gloria Parret  
2608 E. 48th  
Anchorage, AK 99507

April 5, 1998

Senator *Sharp*,

We are very concerned with what has happened and is happening to the structure of the family in our society and feel it is imperative to do all we can to uplift and strengthen family values in our state and country and as we believe that allowing same sex marriages in our state will have an adverse effect on the family, state and country, we urge you to vote yes on resolution SJR 42.

Sincerely,  
*Jack Parret*  
*Gloria Parret*  
Jack and Gloria Parret

Jennifer Anderson  
3635 West 42nd Ave., Apt. B,  
Anchorage, AK 99517  
6 April 1998

Senator Bert Sharp  
Fax:465-2070

Dear Sen. Sharp:

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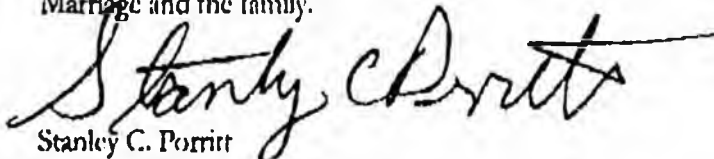
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## NOTES/COMMENTS:

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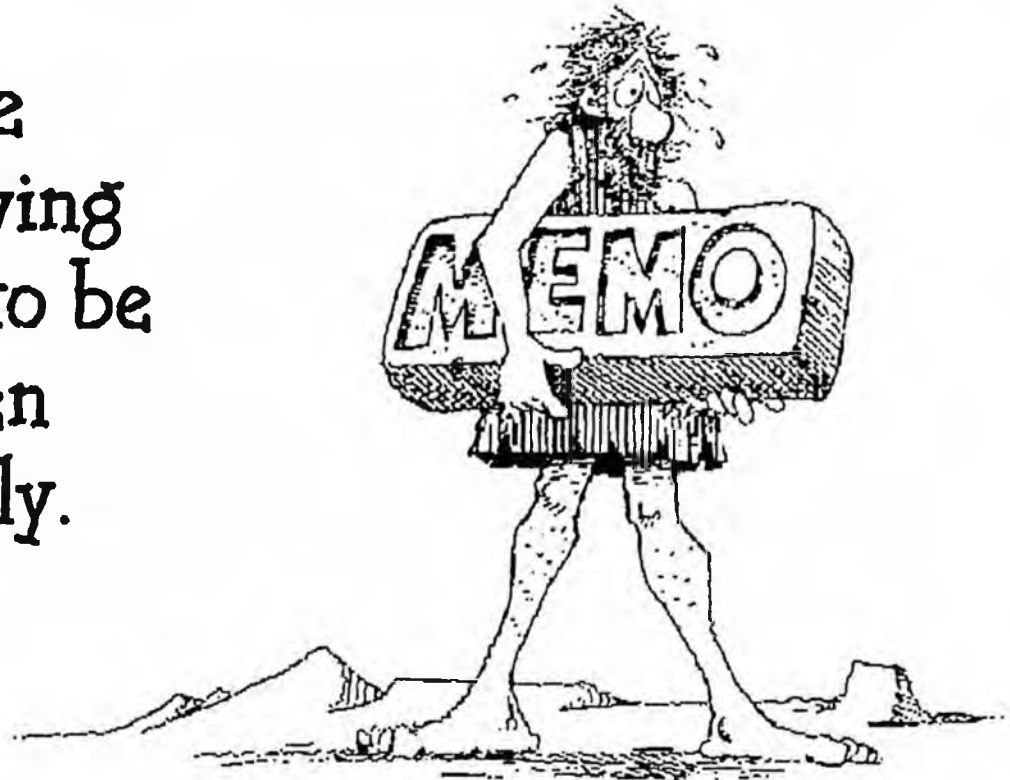
I would like to express my support for Bill SJR 42. I am very much against same-sex marriages. While I do respect privacy of individuals to make personal choices of a life style, I do not support the liberalizing of laws that would weaken family values. I have experienced the tragedy of homosexuality in my own family. I have seen the devastating effects that it has on family vales. I urge you to give the public the right to express their desires to protect the sanctity of Marriage and the family.



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The following is not to be taken lightly.



**I and my wife, Cindy, are registered voters and vote in the elections. We support Joint Resolution #42 which limits the marriage rights in the State of Alaska to one man and one woman. We feel that that is the only form of marriage which should be legally recognized here. Thank you for your positive support of this resolution.**

**Respectfully yours,  
Gordon Rosser**

An Alaskan View/TRG Consulting, Phone: 907-338-7303, Fax: 907-333-3412

To: Bert Sharp

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# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## FAX COVER SHEET

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<b>PHONE:</b>	<b>DATE:</b> 4/6/98
<b>RE:</b> SJR 42	<b>CC:</b>

**COMMENTS:**

I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE BILL FOR TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE (SJR 42). I URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS AMENDMENT THIS IS NOT WHAT WE WANT ALASKA TO STAND FOR IF HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGES ARE RECOGNIZED! PLEASE DON'T FOLLOW THE LOCAL MINORITY. TRADITIONAL

DAVE ELBERT  
FAX NUMBER

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES URGENTLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW!

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THANK YOU  
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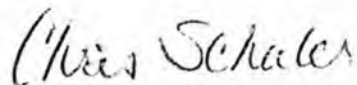
April 6, 1998

Dear Senator Sharp,

Attached you will find several letters from Alaskan constituents in support of SJR 42. Please read these and take them into consideration as you vote on this very important matter.

Thanks so much for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Schuler".

Mrs. Chris Schuler

April 4, 1998

Dear Senator,


This letter is to ask your support for SJR 42. I only recently became aware that such a bill was even necessary. Due to Judge Peter Michalski's February 27 ruling that the State of Alaska may not be able to refuse marriage licenses to homosexuals on constitutional bases, we are forced to take a positive step in the form of a constitutional amendment. I hope you will agree with the majority of the people of our state that such a profound change in our social underpinnings as Judge Michalski's ruling has created must be subject to a vote of all the people.

Throughout history traditional marriage between a man and a woman has been recognized as the foundation of the family. Now Alaska is faced with the dubious distinction of being the first state in history to recognize other "styles" of marriage. This not only opens the door to homosexual marriage, but polygamy, incestuous marriage (e.g., father and daughter) and perhaps others. Even the federal government defines marriage as a union of only "one man and one woman."

I do not hate homosexuals, or feel that they are second class citizens. Nothing in such a constitutional amendment would prohibit them from pursuing their own lifestyle. However, it would establish what undoubtedly was the intent of the constitutional drafters: marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

Having lived most of my life here in Alaska, I have witnessed many bold and positive changes which have benefited our families. But opening our state up to legalized homosexual marriage will have a very destructive effect. If Judge Michalski's ruling is left to stand, that is what we will have.

Thank you for your work on our behalf.

  
Lance and Judy Elphic  
4216 Taku Blvd.  
Juneau, AK 99801



4066 Deborah Drive  
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(907) 789-2667  
April 5, 1998  
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Re: SJR 42 - Constitutional Amendment on Marriage

Dear Senator:

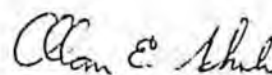
Please vote in support of SJR 42. How we legally define marriage reflects some of our intrinsic beliefs as a people. The family unit constitutes the basic, core group of our society, and of all people groups throughout time. Therefore, I believe most people in Alaska have deep and definite thoughts regarding whether the legal definition of marriage should remain as it has throughout history and by the God who made us, or whether it should be broadened to include homosexual unions.

I am appalled that a single judge could essentially redefine the legal and long-standing definition of marriage. The expansion of marriage is not a judicial responsibility. Laws are to be established by the legislature and only interpreted by the judicial system. It is not the responsibility of the judicial system to expand laws beyond their original intent or to redefine basic institutions of society. When this happens, the legislature has the responsibility and obligation to bring the judicial system back in line by clarifying what they intended the law to say, or to bring the issue before the people. Hence, SJR 42 is appropriate.

In rebuttal to SJR 42 opponents, homosexuality is not another classic civil rights issue. A person's race or gender is intrinsic. In contrast, homosexual activity is a choice. *However*, even if a person believes they were born as a homosexual, that does not obligate the State to expand marriage laws. For example, it is commonly accepted that some people are more prone to alcoholism than others. *However*, this intrinsic condition has not obligated the State to loosen drunk driving laws. Similarly, the presence of homosexual activity in our society does not obligate the State to loosen marriage laws.

I strongly urge the quick passage of SJR 42 so that the people of this State can clarify that marriage is to remain as an institution between one man and one woman. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Alan E. Schuler

April 4, 1998

Dear Senator,

This letter is in regards to SJR 42, "The Definition of Marriage" amendment, and I urge you to give it your full support.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines marriage as "the legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife." Webster further clarifies that definition by stating that it's an "institution whereby men and women are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of founding and maintaining a family."

From an historical, biblical and cultural perspective, the institution of marriage has always had a unique status. This does not mean that married persons have any greater prestige than non-married, but only that there are certain legal and economic benefits afforded to a married couple. If the core definition of marriage is expanded to include same-sex relationships, the word "marriage" itself loses its meaning altogether and becomes non-specific. For example, if the term "Florida oranges" was applied to oranges grown anywhere in the United States or even the world, a consumer would have no idea if he was buying a real Florida orange or just a look-alike. In other words, the term "Florida oranges" would have lost its meaning. Likewise, if the term marriage is expanded to include same-sex relationships or even relationships of 3 or 4, the word "marriage" itself has become meaningless.

Furthermore, to expand the definition of marriage to include homosexual relationships would place greater economic pressures on both large and small businesses who would be forced to extend insurance and other benefits to homosexual partners. These benefits are currently not even offered to heterosexual partners outside of marriage.

Finally, if the "one man - one woman" definition is not upheld and is reduced to anything less, then there is no logical reason as to why "marriage" cannot come to mean a relationships between three people, or between a woman and her son, or even between a man and his dog. The late Harvard sociologist, P. Sorokin, studied cultures spanning several thousand years on several continents, and found that nearly all political revolutions that brought the collapse of the society were preceded by sexual revolutions in which marriage and family were no longer accorded a premiere status.

For these and other reasons, I support SJR 42 and urge our legislature to do the same. At the least, passage of this bill would allow each Alaskan voter to voice their opinion in the upcoming November election.

Thank you each for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Chris Schuler  
4066 Deborah Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801

April 5, 1998

**Dear Senator—**

**Please support SJR 42. I believe that traditional marriage is the bedrock of our society.**

**If we undermine the family, we destroy the society as well.**

Sincerely,



**Julie Wilcke  
2135 Cascade  
P.O. Box 210608  
Auke Bay, AK 99821**

April 6, 1998

Dear Senator,

This is <sup>in</sup> regards to SJR 42. Please give this bill your full support!

Structure is basic to our society. When you remove this structure from our society-- society, business, and family, - will collapse - every time. Marriage is an institution that can't be separated from the natural complementary of men and women. We can no more "redefine" marriage than we can redefine gender! Marriage & family are the foundational structure of our civilization!

This issue is bigger than the legislature. PLEASE give the people of Alaska the opportunity to vote on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruth Ann Bowman". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Ruth Ann Bowman  
4436 Wood Duck  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

(907) 790-2422

Dear Senators.

I am writing in concern for SJR 42. I urge you to vote for this bill . I believe leaving this option of whether two of the same sex may marry up to one judge could be devastating . Do we know what the morals of this Judge are? Are they in line with the majority of the people ? More important, are they in line with the laws and morals of our country? Have the laws and morals gotten so gray we don't know what to say no to? My heart breaks for our country, our state our city, for the people. What kind of truth are we passing down to our children? We need to find a way to love the homosexual people as individuals . without our compromising what God intended for marriage and family. We need to stop the confusion of unclear laws . On this one let us the people clarify that marriage is for one man and one woman.

Thank you for your time.

Debbie Eliason

17025 Towers Road  
Tuneau AK 99801

Dear Senator:

I am 44 years old. I was born here, and am proud to be Alaskan.

I can't believe you would support a change of law that effects everyone, to be passed by an un-elected rouge judge. I would hope that we, the people of Alaska, would be able to decide whether or not we want to attract "gays" to Alaska to be married. This is a sacred institution between a man and a woman, before God and Country. This is my belief.

Please support SJR 42 and let the people of Alaska decide by vote our fate.

Thank you.



David B. Robinson  
HC 33 Box 2958  
Wasilla AK 99654

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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** URGE SUPPORT OF SJR 42

**From:** skooker@ptialaska.net (dawson) at CC2MHS1 04/01/98 5:43 AM

**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA

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Honourable Sharp:

The basic issue seems not to be one of discrimination or interfering with one's privacy, but rather an economic one: what preferential treatment can the homosexual block obtain?

God designed marriage: "One man, one woman, one flesh."

Homosexuality flouts the laws of nature. Nowhere else in nature do you see this abomination.

It's really quite simple. Is the law of God relevant or the ideas of man.

Thx for your support.

Sincerely,

dean dawson  
juneau

April 6, 1998

Re: SJR 42 Support

[465-2070]

Dear Senator Sharp:

I am in support of SJR 42 protecting the traditional concept of marriage and family. Our society is founded on the concept of family involving the separate roles of men and women sharing their God given abilities, to bring children into the world and provide a place of nurture and support. The traditional concept of marriage and family is a fundamental part of the fabric of the constitution of the United States and the State of Alaska.

I request that you support SJR 42.

Sincerely,

Brent M. Wadsworth

Brent M. Wadsworth  
2700 W. 80th  
Anchorage, AK 99502

Dear Senator,

4/6/98

I am an Alaskan & registered to vote.  
I would like to express my support for  
SJR 42.

Same sex marriage undermines the  
very definition of marriage and family.  
Marriage between persons of the same  
sex is contrary to nature itself. We  
can no more "redefine" marriage than  
we can redefine gender.

Marriage and the family are the found-  
ation of our civilization. It is absolutely  
wrong for one, unelected judge to redefine  
this institution without the people of  
Alaska being involved in the decision.  
Passage of SJR 42 will allow the voters  
to decide the issue, as it should be.

I urge you to pass SJR 42 for  
the sake of the family, for the sake  
of our State & Country.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hull  
1545 Crosson Ave.  
Fairbanks, AK  
99701

April 6, 1998

Dear Senator,

I am writing in SUPPORT of SJR 42. One judge does not have the right to rule against the world wide accepted definition of marriage!

Pole after pole clearly indicates that our country's public (including Alaska) is in support of SJR 42!

The minority may be zealous in their efforts but they are Still The Minority!

Therefore, a ~~vote~~ judgement in favor of SJR 42 is expected! If not, there will be contention throughout the world. Why? Because the majority were not represented! A same sex couple may be "something" but they are not married and shouldn't expect to represent a union of marriage!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shelley Hill  
1545 Crosson AV.  
FAIRBANKS, AK.  
99701

**Date: April 7, 1998**

**To: Honorable Alaska Legislators**

**From: Dr. Marvin R. Owen  
9530 Albatross  
Anchorage, AK 99515  
907-243-7848**

**First Baptist Church of Anchorage  
1100 West 10th Avenue  
Anchorage, AK 99501 FAX 279-6315**

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**RE: SJR 42**

**I support SJR 42, and appreciate all that you can do to prevent further incursions of the homosexual movement into the life of our state.**

**Homosexuality isn't a civil rights issue, but threatens the morality of our land.**

**Same sex marriages are wrong morally, socially, biologically and theologically.**

**Thank You**

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!  
Psalm 150:6**

**Date: April 7, 1998**

**To: Honorable Alaska Legislators**

**From: David L. Kilpatrick  
Susan B. Kilpatrick  
Brice E. Kilpatrick  
Sunny L. Kilpatrick**

**FAX 279-6315**

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**RE: SJR 42**

**We support SJR 42, and appreciate all that you can do to prevent the further acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle in our state.**

**We do not believe Homosexuality is a a civil rights issue, but ~~sa~~ a moral issue that is a threat to our state and nation.**

**Same sex marriages are wrong: morally, socially, biologically.**

**Thank You**

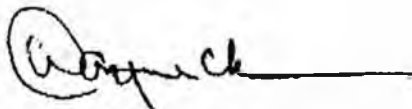
March 6, 1998

Senator BERT SHARP  
FAX 465-2070

I support SJR42 where marriage as a union can be entered into only by "one man and one woman". Marriage is a very sacred union and to have the state open up the marriage laws to homosexual relations is wrong. Please define the marriages of Alaska to man and wife and not the alternative lifestyle.

Please support SJR42 and I would appreciate your comments on this and how you vote.

Wayne Clark



157 Old Steese Hwy, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701  
452-1907 fax 452-3916 graphicn@polarnet.com

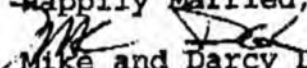
Dear Senator Bert Sharp:

Regarding SJR 42

WE SUPPORT TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY.

Marriage is for one man and one women. The law of the land follows this natural law. The Alaskan people need the opportunity to have their voice be heard. The sanctity of the family is at stake and we need to stand firm against homosexual marriage. We risk the condemnation of God when we mess with His rules. We ask you to please support SJR 42.

~~Happily Married,~~

  
Mike and Darcy Logan  
P.O. Box 3034  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

(907) 745-5835

April 6, 1998

Dear Senator:

I understand that the Alaska Legislature is taking a courageous stand via SJR42 to amend our constitution so that the world will know that marriage is a legal union between a man and a woman for the purpose of establishing a family unit. I strongly support this action on the part of the legislature for the following reasons:

1. We live in a world of rights. Here are the rights that every child would have in a perfect world. Every child would have a father (male) and a mother (female), married in a legally accepted ceremony who would protect, provide for, nurture, teach and love them. There is overwhelming research to show that the most stable environment for children is a loving family with both a father and a mother. Same sex "marriage" would destroy the legal basis for this nuclear family.

2. In spite of the argument to the contrary, it is both the right and the responsibility of government to decide the moral foundation upon which laws will be based. Our government has declared that it is immoral and therefore, illegal to murder, to steal, to lie, etc. These behaviors destroy the fabric of an orderly society. It is also immoral, and should therefore be illegal, to establish laws which destroy the family unit, which is the basic unit upon which our society is formed. Destruction of the family unit destroys the fabric of an orderly society faster than any other single societal factor. Again, there is overwhelming research to support this fact.

3. Same sex "marriage" is a Pandora's box with consequences we can barely imagine. Much more is being sought than spousal benefits. That war cry is simply the starting point for many and greater future demands.

I believe that we need a new standard in government. All future legal demands should be weighed against the standard definition of a family. If proposed laws weaken or undermine the traditional family unit in any way, they should be voted down. There is no room for compromise. Destruction of the family is the destruction of society. Save the family!!! Do not let same sex "marriage" become the law.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline F. Hutchins  
3520 Sailboard Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99516

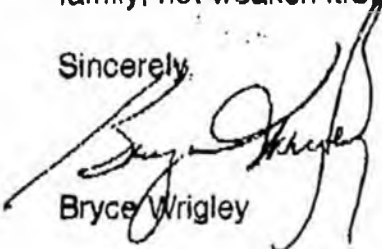
Dear Senator Sharp,

I am writing to ask your support of SJR 42. I do not believe the framers of our constitution had any intent to allow such a destructive practice as same sex marriage. The very thought of such a practice is repulsive to every decent person. Such a thing as same sex marriage is destructive to the sanctity and purpose of the family.

If the state of Alaska were to embark on such a course, it would have a ripple effect for the rest of the nation. Other states would be under increased pressure to pass similar laws to recognize gay marriage. Next would come a law encouraging adoption of innocent children to those marriages and then the children, having known no other life, would likely adopt it for their own.

No, Alaska must maintain the course. Let's pass those laws that will strengthen the family, not weaken it. Support SJR 42 please.

Sincerely,



Bryce Wrigley

I am writing to make aware the seriousness of this issue and express my hope that it is not overlooked but carefully considered. I wish to express my support of traditional, heterosexual marriage and my desire to protect such unions ordained of God. Homosexual marriage is morally wrong and passing such rights would only open the door to further disintegration of our society.

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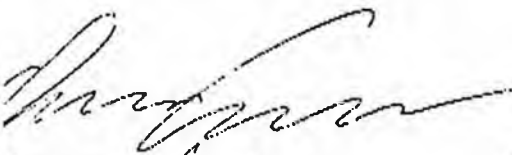
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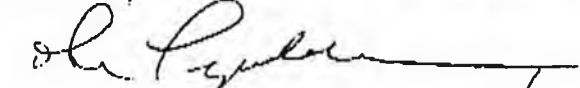
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- David Damer *David Damer* 11 MILES EAST END
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- NOELLA G. HARFORD *Noella G. Harford* 3476 Main ST Homer, AK
- ROBERT E HARFORD *Robert E Harford* 3476 Main ST Homer, AK
- CHERYL WEBB *Cheryl Webb* PO Box 1225 Homer, AK
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Debi Hatch	Debi Hatch	Box 2667 Homer, AK
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Anne L. Mueller	Anne L. Mueller	PO Box 223 CHLORIDE AZ
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Erin Peltier		PO Box 2250 99603
Francis Furt		4001 Lake St. #3 Homer, AK

Dear Senator,

The very fabric of our society, the family unit, has a loose thread and someone is pulling fiercely on it! Can we afford to allow a special interest group to dismantle the institution of marriage as God himself ordained it? The very course that this nation is now embracing has proven destructive in biblical times--we know better than to repeat these travesties!

While I sorrow at the confusion that these groups of people live with, I cannot support them finding a larger forum to proclaim their so-called normalcy or promote it at any level.

Same-sex marriage, or relationships, are against the very design of what men and women represent. While the world has slowly started to accept this "life-style" and hollywood is now embracing it, the need to make a hard stand on the issue is now!

While public groups wish to pull people out of the "morality" issue, you Senator, cannot escape it! Many of the issues you face have some moral value and you must recognize that when making your descisions. To discount this is a disservice to the people you serve. What is the cost to the whole when you cater to the few? If it strengthens tne unity of the whole it is good. If it strengthens detractors it is bad.

Our rights as citizens of the United States of America are ones that I cherish and respect. I wish no one ill-will, nor do I wish to limit anyones enjoyment and quality of life. My only desire is to preserve the institution of marraige, that is designed to foster the natural way of reproduction and supply children with both mother and father! Could your father ever do what your mothers gentle hand could? The very distinct characteristics of man and woman are with purpose!

I endorse senate bill SJR 42, and urge you to vote YES to pass the bill. I am against same-sex marriage and even more against the adverse affects it would cause on our society.

Thank you for your time and public service.

Heath Smith

VOTE "YES" SJR 42!!!!

VOTE "YES" SJR 42!!!!

Heath Smith  
Box 107  
Homer, AK 99603

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April 6, 1998

Jim Prashuk  
P.O. Box 4871  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

Senator,

Please be advised as a voting citizen of the state of Alaska I find it reprehensible that any consideration be given to Judge Peter Michaleki suggestion that our Alaska constitution give homosexuals the right to marry. I support SJR 42 if it will clarify our standing constitution in defense of traditional marriages.

Please continue to do the job of representing the majority. Thank you for your help in this matter.

A concerned voting citizen of Alaska

*Jim Prashuk*

KENT AVERETT  
1463 WESCOTT GARDEN LN.  
NORTH POLE, AK 99705

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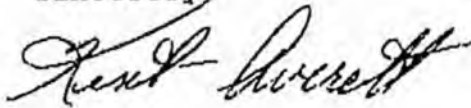
SENATOR BERT SHARP  
STATE CAPITOL  
JUNEAU, AK 99801

SENATOR BERT SHARP

I hope you are in favor of bill SJR 42. I support the idea that marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

To have an un-elected judge try to change Alaska law is out of line. Allow this to go before the people for a vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kent Averett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Kent Averett".

April 4, 1998

Dear Senator,

It was brought to our attention this morning that Alaska is facing a serious issue that can effect the strength and structure of the family, which we believe is the foundation of a strong nation. Please do not let one misguided and unelected judge in our State redefine the definition of marriage. Let us keep it a sacred union between a man and a woman as God designed it to be.

Please support SJR 42 in support of a marriage between one man and woman. No state in the country or country in the world permits same-sex marriages. If Alaska is forced to recognize homosexual marriages, thousand of same sex couples from around the country will travel here, returning home, trying to have their "unions" recognized there. What next? Redefining genders? !!!

Sincerely,  
Cliff and Susan Killary  
P.O. Box 220894  
Anchorage, AK 99522  
[907] 344-1941

**Subject: Proposed Constitutional Amendment SJR 42**  
**Date: Sun, 05 Apr 1998 22:28:25 -0800**  
**From: Margaret Oswald <oswaldm@Alaska.NET>**

3260 Amber Bay Loop  
Anchorage, AK 99515  
Fax (907) 522-4792  
E-mail oswaldm@alaska.net

Dear Senator,

Subject: Proposed Constitutional Amendment SJR 42

Traditional marriage is the fundamental building block of society. It is the acknowledgment of social responsibilities of procreation. When we are married, those who witness and approve of it acknowledge that they will support and maintain the union. By supporting each marriage, we support society as a whole.

A traditional family with married parents is the basic way we provide for the care of our children and pass along skills and values from one generation to the next. It also ties us to our parents and identifies children as the people primarily responsible for the care of their parents as they age. It is the tie we have from one generation to the next. It is the assurance that our society will remain strong after we are gone.

Legal recognition of marriage acknowledges the responsibility involved in family life. It acknowledges the necessity of maintaining strong families in order to maintain a strong society now and in the future. As a society we have many things that support this work. Many laws define the responsibilities of being a parent and there are divisions of government to support these.

Our government has provided benefits to families in tax incentives, social security benefits for dependents and spouses, and military benefits to dependents and spouses. Businesses provided benefits to the spouses and dependents of their employees. All this helps in providing for the care of our children and passing on from one generation to the next our way of life.

Gay or lesbian unions have none of the social responsibilities that a heterosexual marriage would have. Calling a gay or lesbian union a marriage would be like telling the rest of society that you need help with responsibilities that you have not taken on. It would require the taxpayers to provide benefits for them. It would also require employers to either provide benefits to the partners of their gay or lesbian employees or discontinue benefits to the families of their heterosexual employees.

Equating a gay or lesbian union to marriage negates the emphasis on the responsibilities of marriage. It downplays the commitment and responsibility involved on both the couple and the rest of society when a couple is married.

I do not nor ever have approved persecuting people of different religious beliefs. That does not mean that we should be required to support a gay or lesbian union in the same way that we support multigenerational families.

Respectfully yours,

04-06-98

To Senators presently elected in the State of Alaska  
From Amy Thomas 907-376-5124  
Wasilla, AK.

Be courageous. Stand for truth. Be brave  
enough to allow the people of Alaska  
to choose the definition of what  
constitutes a marriage. PLEASE VOTE  
YES on SJR 42.

Amy Thomas

**FACSIMILE MESSAGE**

**TO: Senator Bert Sharp  
Alaska State Senate  
Juneau, Alaska  
voice: 907-465-3004  
fax: 907-465-2070**

**FR: Jim Reynolds  
4627 Harvard Circle  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
voice: 907-479-5828**

**DT: 7 April 1998**

**MESSAGE:**

**Judge Michalski is wrong, very wrong. The natural law of marriage cannot be redefined by a judicial ruling. Give voters the chance to amend Alaska's Constitution, to protect traditional marriage, by passing SJR 42. Let's protect the fabric of our society!**

**end of message**

To all the Senators:

Please pass SJR 42 so that the good people of Alaska may vote on so vital an issue. This is too important an issue to allow a handful of judges to rule on. I am sure that you have not heard from a lot of people who are for this amendment simply because they are counting on their representatives to do the right thing and pass this on out so as to give them the opportunity at the polls to make their voice heard.

Thank-you for your time and all the work you all put in for us.

Respectfully,

Linda Bowdre

P.O. Box 1048  
Delta Jct., AK 99737

April 7, 1998

Michael L. and Janet E. Davis  
863 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Senator Bert Sharp  
110 N. Cushman Street, Suite 201  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Senator Sharp,

It is our understanding that a bill is before the senate at this time that would legalize same sex marriages in the State of Alaska. We are writing to you, as our State Senator to submit our point of view on this matter.

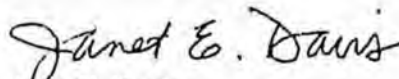
We are very much opposed to the legalization and recognition of same sex marriages. It is our feeling that such an arrangement undermines the family unit and contributes to the social ills of our country. It has become continually more apparent that the traditional family values that our country was built upon are under attack. The approval of this bill would seek to destroy the values of the marital relationship between husband and wife and the nurturing environment of the traditional family unit.

Please consider this point of view when this bill is before you for consideration of approval. Thank you very much for your support for our community.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Davis



Janet E. Davis

Orson Johnson  
401 Wedgewood H-27  
Fribles, AK 99701

Dear Senator:

It has come to my attention that SJR 42, the proposed constitutional amendment to protect traditional heterosexual marriage, has come out of committee and faces a senate floor vote in the near future. I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Marriage between a man and a woman has been and should continue to be the standard in society. While I do not believe in persecuting those who believe in same sex marriages, I also do not believe that society is obligated to recognize or legalize such marriages, nor would it be wise to do so. The normalization of same sex marriages would change the nature of society itself and have far-reaching consequences for all citizens.

Please consider carefully the consequences of failing to pass SJR 42.

Thank-you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

D. Orson Johnson

The Honorable Senator  
Bert Sharp  
fax 465-2070

CONCERNING SJR 42

Sir,

As a voting member of our district I am compelled to express my support of and appreciation to all who will vote for SJR 42; protecting the marital union and preserving the ONLY proper definition of marriage.

It is important to the society that we live in that morals be maintained and supported by the populus as well as those who are our representatives in government. There are those that say one should not legislate morality; I would argue that one should not legislate morality away! Let us protect the institution of marriage as an honorable and natural union of man and woman.

Sir, if homosexual union is legal marriage, why is it not legal to have more than one wife? Why not legal to marry a sister? These things are currently legislated against. We look at them as immoral and grotesque, but I would suggest either of these options are more sensible than homosexual union.

Finally, homosexual union does nothing for society.... nothing more than a couple of guys or gals that are just friends can do anyway. If nothing else, union between man and woman has a purpose of repopulating the earth. There is no purpose to, or compelling reason to condone or allow homosexuality by putting it on par with honorable marriage; it accomplishes nothing....it breeds an end. People participate in government, on school boards and in society in general to attempt to make life better for their progeny ... since homosexual union cannot create offspring, it must detract from society and thus we undermine the foundation of society which is family.

Sir, stand for the family and bring honor to your own in so doing.

My sincere appreciation for your time and consideration. Your assistance and support for this resolution is humbly requested by myself and 'the other ten that feel as I do but will not write.'

God Bless,



Alan E. Gustafson

712 16th Ave., Fbks., AK. 99701 (322-0703)

Doug Duffett

~~918 College Road~~ 32 Adak Ave  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

April 7, 1998

To: Alaska's Senators & Representatives

RE: SJR 42 - Constitution Amendment

Please vote FOR SJR 42.

Society needs the traditional family. Please protect the sanctity of the one-woman & one-man marriage.

Please let me know your views on this subject

Doug Duffett  
dduffett@polarnet.com

FAX 907 452-8055

7 April 1998

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Juneau, AK 99801

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Dear Senate Committee

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Laura Snell  
Lickie D Snell

**PIA G. & HELMUTH I. COTTINI  
HC05 BOX 6921  
PALMER, AK 99645**

April 7, 1998

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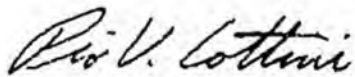
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Pio V. Cottini



Bonny K. Cottini

Roland L. Peretti  
1048 W. International Airport Road, #101  
Anchorage, AK 99518

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April 8, 1998

TO: Representatives/Senators

FROM: Roland L. Peretti  
1048 W. International Airport Road, #101  
Anchorage, AK 99518

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to enlist your support of SJR 42. In watching the hearings up here in Anchorage, it was not difficult to see the polarization of both sides of the issue.

It reminds me of the hearings of Judge Robert Bork as Supreme Court Justice. Judge Bork insisted that there was a law he defined as natural law. Natural Law was well understood by our Nation's Founders when they wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights." Judge Bork refused to compromise his position on Natural Law. He was not confirmed, and our nation lost one of its most brilliant legal minds, and in turn we chose, in my opinion, far less qualified persons to serve. And, now, we have to deal with matters such as SJR 42.

I believe that Natural Law declares that the family is the foundation of society as we know it, and, I believe, that a family is defined as One Man, One Wife, and children, if there are any.

We also understand that all things are not equal in this world. A husband and wife family are not equal to an unmarried teenage mother family. Government recognizes this and attempts to assist the teenage mother and her child.

We do not think a single parent is equal to a two parent family, so we assist the single parent and require financial help from the absentee parent.

I do not think two women and a child are equal to a husband/wife family. They may exist, but they should not be afforded the same status as the traditional family. The same applies to two men living together. How far is this thing going to go?

Thank you for taking a stand on this issue.

I would like to also enlist your support on SJR 35 and HB 234. These are both very important bills in reference to abortion.

Thank you again for your assistance and support of these issues.

Sincerely,



Roland L. Peretti  
District Superintendent

RLP:ng

**FACSIMILE MESSAGE**

**TO: Senator Bert Sharp  
Alaska State Senate  
Juneau, Alaska  
voice: 907-465-3004  
fax: 907-465-2070**

**FR: Jim Reynolds  
4627 Harvard Circle  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
voice: 907-479-5828**

**DT: 7 April 1998**

**MESSAGE:**

**Please pass SJR 42. Let Alaskans vote on the matter of same-sex marriage. They will overwhelmingly vote to protect the one man - one woman tradition of marriage. Nowhere else is the folly of homosexual marriage institutionalized. Will Alaska become the mecca for homosexual marriage? Just say NO!**

**end of message**

Dear Senator:

I am not in favor of same-sex marriages. Please let the residents of Alaska decide this important change in our lives. Support SJR 42 so that we have the freedom to judge for ourselves.

Thank you.

*Darlene Robinson*

Darlene Robinson  
HC 30 Box 204  
Wasilla AK 99654

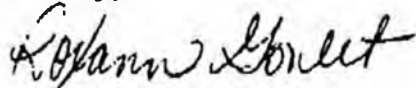
April 9, 1998

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Sincerely,



Roxann Goulet

# Grace

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sincerely,



T. Curtis Burnam  
Pastor of Youth

A member of the  
Fellowship of Grace  
Brethren Churches.  
Winona Lake, Indiana

Dear Senator

We are strongly opposed to  
same sex marriages. Same sex  
marriages goes against our bible  
believes which is the word of God.

God is the author of marriage  
between a man and a woman.

It is morally wrong for a man and  
a man and a woman and a woman  
to be united in marriage. Judge  
Peter Michalski is wrong.

Walter and Georgia Smallwood

April 6, 1998

Atten: Senators  
Subject: SJR 49

Wether one follows religious or scientific beliefs, homosexuality is unnatural and it makes no sense. We need to put our foot down and do away with the "anything goes" attitude society has acquired. As individuals we have our free agency to make personal decisions in our lives, but only as far as those decisions effect us personally. If people are chosing to participate in homosexual activity they must keep it at a personal level. We cannot glorify their lifestyle just because they unite as a group and want to become excepted. Society today has become so scared of offending someone that we allow much immoral activity to flourish. The Constitution was written...In God we trust. We cannot do this and at the same time separate religious values that need to be the foundation of our lives. We are not only accountable for ourselves but for the lives of our children. It is not enough to teach our children what is right. We must also be willing to secure a safe, morally clean world for them to live in. We are failing horribly.

Heather Shepard (FBKS)

April 7, 1998

TO: Senator Bert Sharp  
FAX NO: 465-2070  
SUBJECT: SJR42

Dear Senator:

WE SUPPORT SJR 42, THE AMENDMENT TO PROMOTE MARRIAGE ONLY BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN.

Sincerely,

Richard Withheld

Du Rita Withheld

Cretia Olsen

Allen Olson

Paul L. Marton

Gary L. Marton

Joseph Paszowski

Brenda M. Paszowski

Lara Reading

Tasha Pack

Sean Burr

Harold Hoer  
Julia K. Hoer

Coby & Tiffany Gibson  
3242 Ralph Turnaround  
North Pole, AK 99705-6330  
907/488-1020

TO: All Alaskan Senators

RE: SJR 42

I support this Resolution - Keep the definition of "marriage" limited to traditional hetero-sexual couples only.

RE: SJR 35

I support this Resolution which protects the rights of persons <sup>(and/or facilities)</sup> opposed to abortions to refuse participation in others' abortions.

Tiffany Gibson

*A. J. Clark*

2840 E. 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99507  
Phone: (907) 344-9794

*April 10, 1998*

*Honorable Bert Sharp*

*Senator Sharp,*

*I want to express my concern about the recent ruling by the Judge in Anchorage regarding homosexual marriage. I am against allowing marriage to exist between anyone other than a man and a woman, as God intended. To allow any other union would open up a "Pandora's Box" of problems. Also, Alaska would be the first state (in the first country) in the world to sanction such a union. Do we really want to go down in history with the dubious distinction of being the State that contributed to the moral degradation of our nation. We already have enough problems trying to protect the family and our children from the onslaught of liberal ideologies and the humanism (a religion) that is being forced upon society. This would open up the way to all sorts of depravity being accepted as "normal" in our society. People are already desensitized because they have been exposed to so much indecency. What was unacceptable even 10 years ago is now considered commonplace. What a statement this is of the people we have become!!*

*I would also ask your support for the parental consent law, requiring parents be informed when their minor child seeks an abortion. A teenage girl, (a child herself) needs her parents at this difficult time, when making a decision that will affect the rest of her life. There is much more to consider than the physical consequences, and many women have been emotionally scarred for life by making the wrong decision.*

*I appreciate your time and consideration in these matters.*

*Sincerely,*

*A. J. Clark*

7 April 1998

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Connie P. Eddington". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name of the sender.

Mrs. Vicky Huston  
P O Box 28  
Palmer, AK 99645  
(907) 745-7390  
April 5, 1998

Senator Bert Sharp  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Sharp:

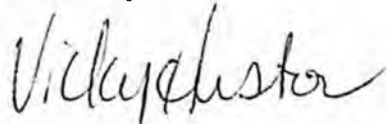
I have just received the information concerning the marriage amendment. I am in favor of the amendment. I believe in traditional marriage. Without one man and one woman being married and having children, our civilization will be lost.

I believe a man was born to be a man, a woman was born to be a woman. When a man and a woman marry, they compliment each other. It has never been acceptable and should not be acceptable for a woman to marry a woman nor for a man to marry a man.

I want Judge Michalski's ruling kicked out. Overruled!

I am a married woman. I have been married to the same man for over 20 years and have 5 beautiful children. I believe in traditional marriage. Please let my voice be heard.

Sincerely,



Vicky Huston  
Voter in the State of Alaska

April 6, 1998

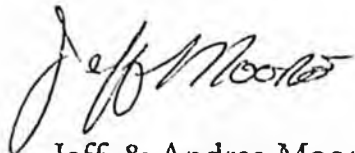
The Honorable Bert Sharp  
Alaska State Senate  
State Capitol (ms 3100)  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Senator Sharp,

We would like to state our support for SJR42. We believe that the institution of marriage as we know it, between one man and one woman, is a fundamental pillar of our society. It is appalling that this should even need to be discussed. Please read the enclosed brochure. We feel it will be enlightening and informative.

Please support SJR42.

Sincerely,



Jeff & Andrea Moore

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BIG LAKE, AK 99652

4066 Deborah Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801  
(907) 789-2667  
aecrsas@ptialaska.net  
April 13, 1998

Re: In Support of SJR 35 and SJR 42

Dear Senator Sharp:

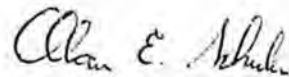
I just wanted to once again urge your support of SJR 35 and SJR 42.

As you know, SJR 35 provides the people of Alaska the chance to say that medical personnel or hospitals are not required to participate in an abortion. No individual, or group of people (e.g., a private hospital), should be required to act in a manner contrary to their conscience or religious convictions, especially when it results in the taking of an unborn child's life. Requiring people in the medical profession who value *all life* to participate in an abortion is directly analogous to forcing a German soldier, who may consider life as a precious gift from God, to participate in the holocaust. As Americans, we have no business forcing people to act against their conscience, especially on such obvious life and death issues. Please pass SJR 35!

SJR 42 provides the people of Alaska the opportunity to uphold the commonly held and long-standing definition of marriage. I am appalled that a single judge could essentially redefine a written and assumed definition that has been held by all people groups throughout time. Judges should only be allowed to interpret existing laws and not create radically new societal structures, such as homosexual marriages. When judges get out of line, the legislature has the responsibility and obligation to bring the judicial system back in line by clarifying what they intended the law to say, or to bring the issue before the people. This is part of the checks and balances established within our government. Hence, SJR 42 is appropriate.

Once again, I urge your support of both SJR 35 and SJR 42. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Alan E. Schuler

April 8, 1998

1301 Ivy Circle  
Wasilla, AK 99654  
(907) 373-1143

Senator Bert Sharp  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Sharp:

This is a follow-up letter concerning SJR 42, the proposed constitutional amendment on marriage. We continue to urge you to support this resolution, and vote in favor as SJR comes to the Senate floor. We believe the traditional values of marriage and family should continue to stand strong in Alaska.

Please give the people of Alaska a chance to vote on this vitally important issue.

Sincerely,

*Kevin Sant*  
*Roselyn Sant*  
Kevin & Roselyn Sant

April 13, 1998

Senator Bert Sharp  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Sharp,

This letter regards SJR 42, otherwise known as the "Marriage Amendment."

I am in strong support of this measure and I urge you to also give it your support. Public opinion polls show that two-thirds of Alaskans support this amendment, and as such, they deserve a chance to vote on this in the November election. I believe that is exactly why there is so much opposition to this amendment -- opponents know that if this issue comes to a statewide vote, it will pass. And in the event that the polls have been wrong, then at least each voter in the entire state will have had a chance to vote their opinion.

Please consider giving SJR 42 your full support as it comes before the entire Senate floor. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Chris Schuler  
4066 Deborah Drive  
Juneau, AK 99801