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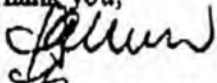
April 6th 1998

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,


Marianne Child

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
~~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 ^{BY} 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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Via facsimile to 907-465-2070

The Honorable Bert Sharp
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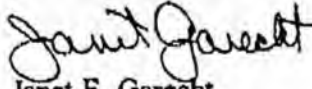
Re: Proposed Constitutional Amendment
SJR 42

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

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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.

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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

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 Committee on Senate Joint Resolution No. 42(JUD) Dated April 1, 1998
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I am against the above resolution. My reasons are as follows.

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- 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

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Senator Loren Leman,
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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

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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!

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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
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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

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 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.

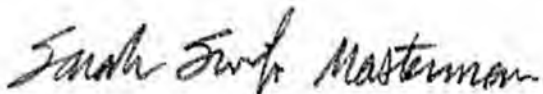
I urge you to defeat this resolution. Thank-you.

Jeff Walters
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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

Dena R. Ivey
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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

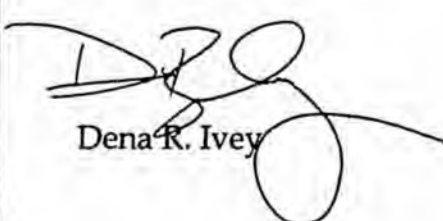
religion, protecting civil rights, and granting equal protection under the law. Legislation to restrict marriage runs counter to these positive public policy concerns.

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.

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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 PRECLUDE 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.

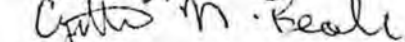
There are many issues that I might support as amendments to our state constitution, but a "marriage" issue is not one of them. There are many issues that require the attention of our legislature, and this bill seems only to detract from these. As I see it, SJR42 will allow our legislature to pass any 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

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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.

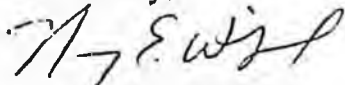
As difficult as it is at times, I try to trust the parameters that are set forth by our national and state constitutions. The judicial branch of our state government determined that it was unconstitutional on a state level to not allow to people of the same sex to marry. The state has been asked to present 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
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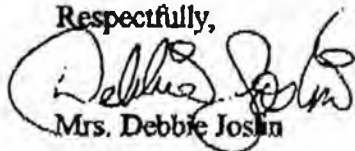
April 6, 1998

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
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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

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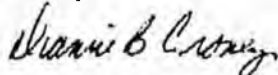
April 05, 1998

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,

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President

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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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cc: Senator_Mike_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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

cc:Mail (r): Senator Bert Sharp

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

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,

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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

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

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

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To: Senator_Lyman_Hoffman@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

To: Senator_Tim_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Please vote against SJR-42.

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

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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
- To:** Senator Gary Wilken at LAA_CAP
- To:** Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA_CAP
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- To:** Senator_Seán_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
- To:** Senator_Tim_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: No to SJR-42
From: kkp@eagle.ptialaska.net (Kate Koehler-Platten) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 8:25 PM
To: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
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Vote no on SJR-42
-Kate Koehler-Platten

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

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

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
To: Senator Dave Donley at LAA_SDON
To: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
To: Senator Gary Wilken at LAA_CAP
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To: Senator_Tim_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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

cc: Senator Johnny Ellis at LAA_TRANS

cc: Senator John Torgerson at LAA_STOR

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cc: Senator Jerry Ward at LAA_TRANS

cc: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA

cc: Senator Dave Donley at LAA_SDON

cc: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

To: Senator_AI_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

cc: Senator_Sean_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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

Please vote NO on SJR-42. Thank you.

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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

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

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42, Please Vote NO
From: mbuck@alaska.net (Marsha Buck) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 3:07 PM
To: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA_TRANS
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To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
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To: Senator_Mike_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
cc: mbuck@alaska.net at CC2MHS1

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
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Juneau, AK 99801

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: important to me
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To: Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: Senator_Gary_Wilken@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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
Eagle River, AK 99577
907-694-2710

4/13/98

**FAX to Senator Georgianna Lincoln: 465-2652,
Senator Mike Miller: 465-3883,
Senator Bert Sharp: 465-2070,
Senator Gary Wilken: 465-4714**

**from Nancy Kailing
PO Box 84680
Fairbanks, AK 99780-4680
907-479-4944**

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

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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
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Re: SJR 42

Dear Legislator:

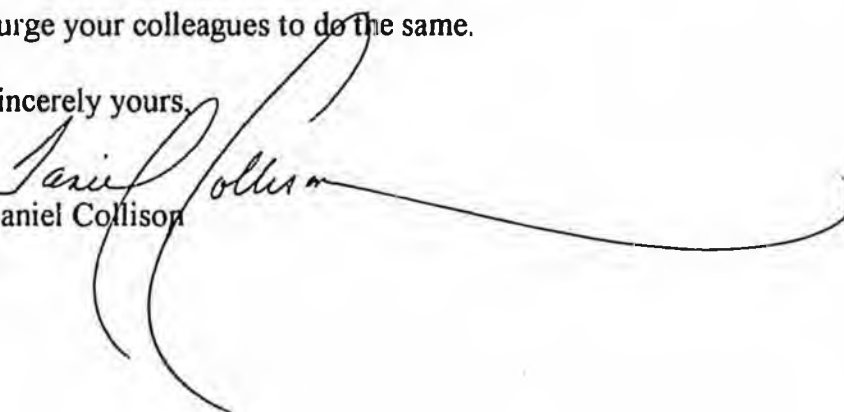
The attached recent poll of Anchorage voters supports what you have been hearing in testimony, letters, POMs, and e-mails over the past few weeks—Alaskans greatly value our State Constitution and do not want it used as a vehicle to deny equal rights. In the poll, conducted by Craciun and Associates during 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

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PRESS RELEASE

DATE: April 13, 1998
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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]

TOTAL	Base	407
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?

TOTAL	Base	407
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]

TOTAL	Base	407
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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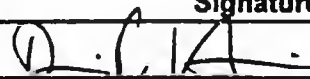


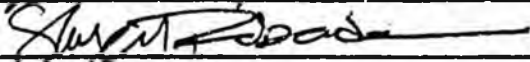
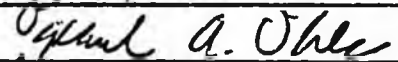
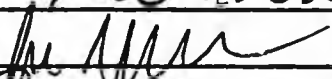
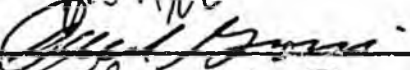

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