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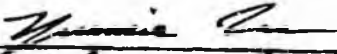
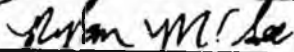
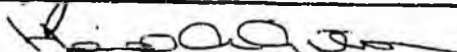
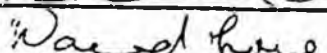
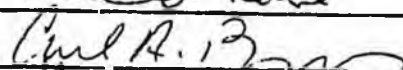
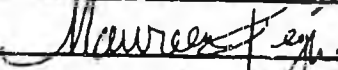
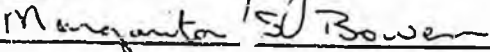
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Senate Joint Resolution 42

Alaska Constitution

Article I, Section 1. Inherent Rights

This constitution is dedicated to the principles that all persons¹ 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.

¹ 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,

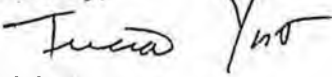
I am writing to express my opposition to SJR-42. This amendment violates both the privacy rights and the inherent equal rights of all Alaska citizens. I fear that our legislators are once again treating this as a moral issue, one that infringes on citizens' rights, as opposed to treating it as a *legal*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

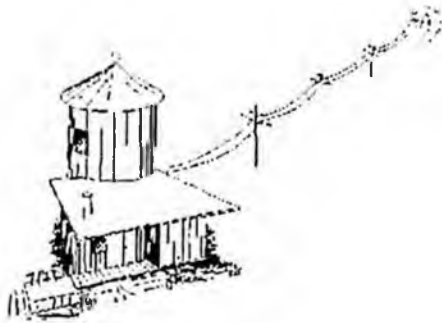
The irony is that so many religious people — and religions — do not agree with the supporters of SJR-42. To the contrary: more churches all the time perform same-sex marriage (United Church of Christ, Quakers, Unitarians, and others). And even many more churches who don't marry us do support our civil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

Please SUPPORT SJR42. It is important that the voice of the people is heard on the issue of homosexual marriage. Such a practice would bring profound changes in Alaska's basic family structure and should not be decided by only one person, even a judge.

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Judith K. Anderson
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Wasilla, AK 99687
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Judith K. Anderson

STANLEY C. PORRITT

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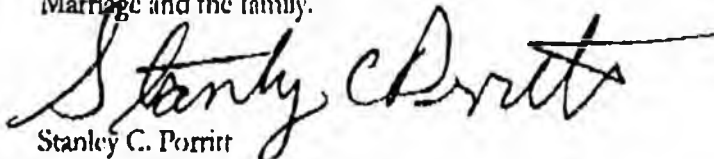
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NOTES/COMMENTS:

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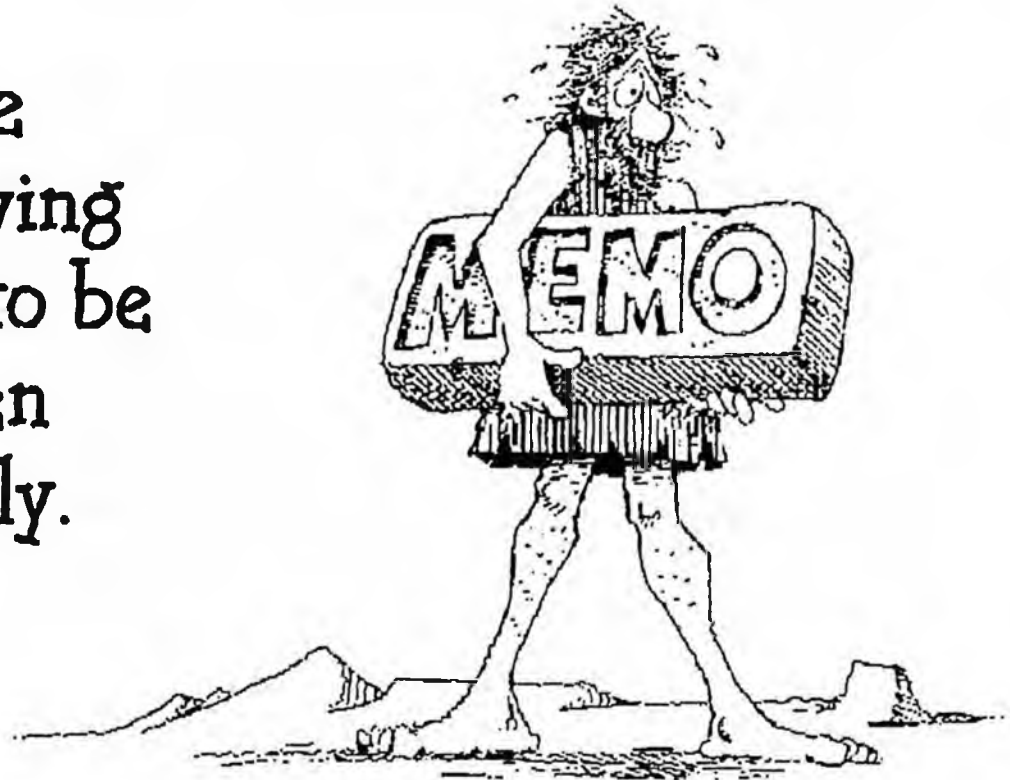
I would like to express my support for Bill SJR 42. I am very much against same-sex marriages. While I do respect privacy of individuals to make personal choices of a life style, I do not support the liberalizing of laws that would weaken family values. I have experienced the tragedy of homosexuality 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

TO: ALASKA SENATORS	FROM: DAVE ELBERT
FAX:	PAGES: 1
PHONE:	DATE: 4/6/98
RE: SJR 42	CC:

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

907-852-9153
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MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES URGENTLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW!

PO BOX 748, BARROW, ALASKA 99723

THANK YOU
Dave Elbert

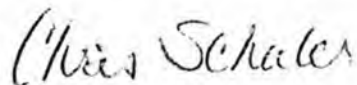
April 6, 1998

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.

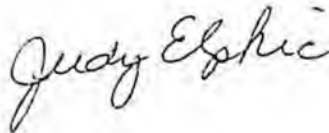
Throughout history traditional marriage between a man and a woman has been recognized as the foundation of the family. Now Alaska is faced with the dubious distinction of being the first state in history to recognize other "styles" of marriage. This not only opens the door to homosexual marriage, but 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.


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4216 Taku Blvd.
Juneau, AK 99801



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April 5, 1998
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Re: SJR 42 - Constitutional Amendment on Marriage

Dear Senator:

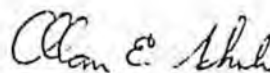
Please vote in support of SJR 42. How we legally define marriage reflects some of our intrinsic beliefs as a people. The family unit constitutes the basic, core group of our society, and of all people groups throughout time. Therefore, I believe most people in Alaska have deep and definite thoughts regarding 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

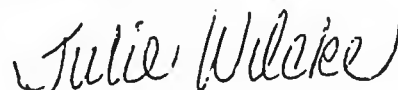
April 5, 1998

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 ⁱⁿ 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

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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

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
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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

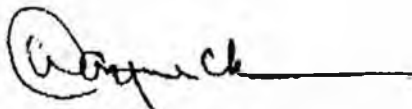
March 6, 1998

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

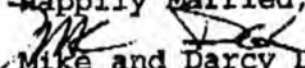
Dear Senator Bert Sharp:

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

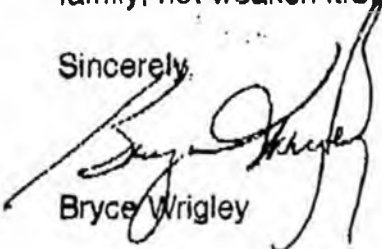
Dear Senator Sharp,

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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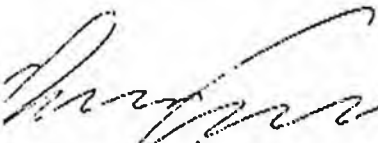
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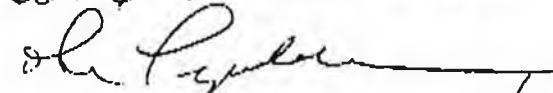

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Erin Peltier		PO Box 2250 99603
Francis Furt		4001 Lake St. #3 Homer, AK

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 84871
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



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

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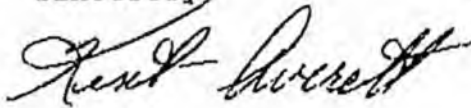
SENATOR BERT SHARP
STATE CAPITOL
JUNEAU, AK 99801

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,

Emily Thomas

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

So Senators promptly elected in the State of Alaska
From Emily Thomas 907-376-5124
Walden, AK.

04-06-98

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
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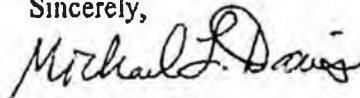
Dear Senator,

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.

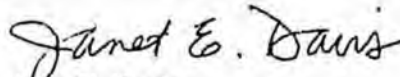
We are very much opposed to the legalization and recognition of same sex marriages. It is our feeling that such an arrangement undermines the family unit and contributes to the social ills of our country. It has become continually more apparent that the traditional family values that our country was 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

Senator Bert Sharp
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

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Sincerely,

Chuck & Connie Eddington



Dear Senate Committee

We the undersigned registered voters of Alaska support bill SJR 42 in support of traditional marriage. We believe in lawful marriage between a woman and a man and in their union towards a family with good morals. We are against same sex marriage and believe it to be the break down of the American Value of family.

Laura Snell
Lickie D Snell

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

April 7, 1998

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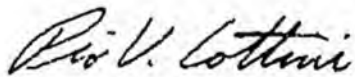
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PALMER, AK 99645

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Sincerely,



Pio V. Cottini



Bonny K. Cottini

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

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

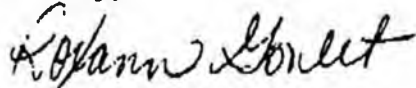
April 9, 1998

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Please do everything in your power to protect traditional, heterosexual marriage.

Sincerely,



Roxann Goulet

Grace

COMMUNITY CHURCH

2511 SENTRY DRIVE
ANCHORAGE, AK 99507
Tel: 907-344-7780
Fax 907-344-7187

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Sincerely,



T. Curtis Burnam
Pastor of Youth

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

Women and Georgia Smollett

Dear Senator

We are ~~strongly~~ opposed to
 same sex marriages. Same sex
 marriages go against our bible
 beliefs 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 woman and a woman and a woman
 to be united in marriage. Judge
 Peter Michalakis is wrong.

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

Gary L. Martin

Gary L. Martin

Joseph Paszowski

Brenda M. Paszowski

Lara Reading

Jaska Pack

Sean Burr

Harold Hoer
Julie 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 ^(and/or facilities) opposed to abortions to refuse participation in others' abortions.

Tiffany Gibson

A. J. Clark

2840 E. 84th 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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State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

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Sincerely,

Chuck & Connie Eddington

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.

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:

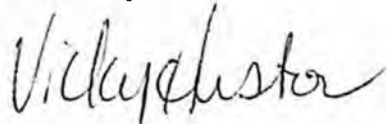
I have just received the information concerning the marriage amendment. I am in favor of the amendment. I believe in traditional marriage. Without one man and one woman being married and having children, our civilization will be lost.

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

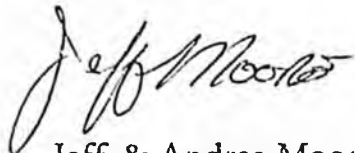
The Honorable Bert Sharp
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol (ms 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Moore". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeff & Andrea Moore

P. O. BOX 521450
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:

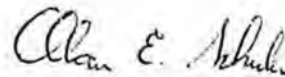
I just wanted to once again urge your support of SJR 35 and SJR 42.

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

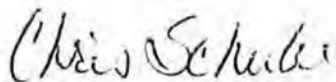
Dear Senator Sharp,

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

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Support - NO

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: No on JSR-42...

From: brandnec@mail.jsd.k12.ak.us (Carol Brandner) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 8:23 AM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

I have lived in Juneau for 25 years and taught this city's public schools for just as many years. I have enjoyed my Alaskan life... it's freedom, it's opportunity, it's quality of life... knowing my basic rights were protected by our constitution.

I have observed students who I believed to be probably homosexual and students I knew to have homosexual parents deal with their fear, confusion, embarrassment, etc., on top of the normal angst of middle school. The students I believe to be quite probably homosexual are FINE, INTELLIGENT, CARING, NICE, NORMAL KIDS, growing into fine, intelligent, caring, nice, normal adults, who also happen to be gay. It's a hard road. Why do you continue in making it harder? What are you doing?

I urge a NO vote on JSR-42. Anything else would be absolutely not in anyone's best interest.

Carol J Brandner
Educator, DZH Middle School
Juneau, Alaska

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(o o) Carol J Brandner

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Vote No on SJR-42
From: pturner@northstar.k12.ak.us (Pat Turner) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 8:08 AM
To: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
To: Senator Randy Phillips at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
To: Senator Robin Taylor at LAA_STAY
To: Senator John Torgerson at LAA_STOR
To: Senator Jerry Ward at LAA_TRANS
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To: Senator_Jerry_Mackie@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: Senator_Mike_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

My wish is that you vote "No" on SJR-42.

Pat Turner
2602 Roland Rd.
Fairbanks AK 99709

...All those who believe in psychokenisis raise my hand....

Pat Turner
Weller Elementary
Fairbanks Ak
pturner@northstar.k12.ak.us
<http://www.northstar.k12.ak.us/home/pturner/PAT2.HTML>

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Vote against discrimination

From: etdlaw@ptialaska.net (Elliott T Dennis) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 7:00 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator:

Please vote against SJR 42.

This bill promotes discrimination against a minority group in our society. Why should elected officials be engaged in such devious and mean spirited activities?

The choice of ones life partner is a very personal activity. Why should the state be infringing on the individual privacy rights of Alaskas?

Government should stay out of the lives of citizens who do not harm or bother other citizens. Gays and Lesbians pay taxes, work, own homes and have loving caring families. The government should not become a tool of the Christian Right to hassel our neighbors.

The constitution should not be amended so that one group can impose what they think is "moral" on other members of our society.

If the State has no "rational justification" for defining marriage in a particular way, then we as citizens should not be burdered by a constitutional amendment which discrimiates without any "rational justification."

Please vote no.

Elliott T. Dennis
1010 W. 10th Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99501