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

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

**From:** donnaff@alaska.net (Donald Henry Naff) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 11:37 PM

**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  
**To:** Senator Gary Wilken at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator\_AI\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Dave\_Donley@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Jim\_Duncan@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
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Marriage is recognized as one of the cornerstone Civil Rights for all Americans. To deny it to one segment because they happen to love people of their own sex is discrimination at its very worst. Please vote against adding this un-American piece of hate to our State Constitution. It certainly doesn't belong in the same document which states, in Article 1, "SECTION 1. INHERENT RIGHTS. This constitution is dedicated to the principles that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, 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." In addition, "SECTION 3. CIVIL RIGHTS. No person is to be denied the enjoyment of any civil or political right because of race, color, creed, sex, or national origin". The denial of the right to marriage for Gays and Lesbians is clearly a denial of the enjoyment of a civil right because of the sex of the people involved. Please vote accordingly. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Don Naff

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

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

**From:** lisaj57@hotmail.com (Lisa Jamieson) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 8:27 PM

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

**To:** Senator\_Loren\_Leman@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator:

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on SJR-42.

I am offended by politicians attempting to change the constitution to serve their religious beliefs, or to limit the civil rights of whatever citizens they don't like.

The courts should resolve constitutional issues, they should not be resolved by popular vote. I assume that you are aware that the current arguments against same-sex-marriage are almost identical to those made against inter-racial marriage, when it was first proposed and made law (God is against this, it will wreck the family, it should remain outlawed because many people are made uncomfortable by it, it's always been this way...etc). Discrimination is a bad thing, regardless of the group it is directed at.

On behalf of my family, I urge you to vote NO on SJR-42. Thank you.

- Lisa Jamieson

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

**From:** richard@icefog.polarnet.com (Richard in Alaska) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 7:56 PM

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

**To:** richard@icefog.polarnet.com at CC2MHS1

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Hello,

My name is Richard Seward. I vote in Senator Wilken's and Representative Davies district. I am the State Field Director of the AFL-CIO. I am a member of Pride At Work, the AFL-CIO constituency group for the concerns of gay and lesbian workers. My daughter is graduating from West Valley High School in May. My husband is Stephen Palmer. Steve and I are gay. My daughter tells me she is not.

I ask you to vote NO on SJR-42 which invades the privacy provisions of the Alaska Constitution. I am proud to be an Alaskan and I am proud to live in a state where the people voted to put the right to privacy in our very constitution. We are fairly unique in that respect.

I firmly believe that when the good folks of Alaska voted on the constitution they understood exactly what the right to privacy means. I think they understand that right today. I can think of no more private decision I have ever made than the choice of an adult with whom I wanted to be family, intimate and committed family.

I know there are many who would not choose to be family with a member of the same sex. Likewise I know that the beliefs and practices of many Alaskans are not the beliefs and practices I would choose. But I strongly believe in their right to exercise their religion and their values in choosing and living with their families. I want the same privacy protections for my family.

I believe in equality of Alaskan families. As long as the State wants to sanction marriage, then I believe my marriage to Stephen Palmer deserves all the rights, privileges, AND legal responsibilities as any other marriage in this state.

I urge you to vote NO on SJR-42 and protect the privacy provisions of the Alaska Constitution. If the State can arrive at a compelling reason to invade that privacy, then so be it. However, the right to privacy in Alaska is too precious to be attacked and invaded without a compelling State reason. I firmly believe that SJR-42 takes the discussion away from Alaskan values and allows popularity and prejudice to determine the question.

Richard Seward  
4582 Drake Street  
Fairbanks Alaska 99701

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

**From:** danny@queernet.queernet.org at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 9:13 PM

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

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

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Dear Senator,

I'm writing to ask you to vote no on SJR-43. An amendment to the State Constitution would be a direct violation of the U.S. Consitution's full faith and credit clause. The right of homosexual citizens to marry the person they love should not be violated by the heterosexual majority. It would be a clear violation of their right to "life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness." Same-sex marriages do nothing to harm heterosexual marriages, the family or traditional values. If SJR-43 passes, it will have a very steep hill to climb and will eventually be found unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. It is a waste of our time and an insult to our gay & lesbian citizens, as well as to all Americans who still honor and respect the Constitution of the United States of America.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jenkins

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

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**Subject:** sjr 42

**From:** wkdjfls@hotmail.com (karen stewart) at CC2MHS1 04/05/98 12:27 AM

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

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PLEASE VOTE NO! ON SJR 42 CONCERNING SAME-SEX MARRIAGE...IT IS NOT A CASE OF EQUAL RIGHTS...IT IS A CASE OF UNEQUAL DEMANDS OF A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DESIRE TO FORCE THEIR LIFE STYLES ON TO OUR WHOLE SOCIETY...NO STATE IN THE U.S. CURRENTLY ALLOWS SAME-SEX MARRIAGES. THIS GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THROUGH THE U.S. SYSTEM OF EDUCATION ARE PROMOTING A LIFESTYLE THAT DESTROYS THE FAMILY UNIT! THE MARRIAGE OF A MAN AND A WOMAN HAS BEEN THE STANDARD SINCE THE BEGINING OF TIME; AND NOT ONLY JUST THE STANDARD, BUT THE SOLIDIFYING GLUE THAT HAS BEEN THE STRENGTH OF OUR COMUNITIES, OUR CITIES, OUR STATES, OUR NATION. IT HAS BEEN THE "LEVEN" IN THE BREAD OF OUR HISTORY THAT HAS ALLOWED THE BUILDING OF THE LITTERAL "CHARACTER" OF OUR NATION, ONE CHILD AT A TIME....EACH CHILD KNOWING WHO THEY ARE, WHAT THEY ARE, AND WHAT THEIR ROLL IS IN THE BUILDING OF OUR SOCIETY....BUILDING ONE TRADITIONAL FAMILY AT AT TIME...AND IT IS THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY THAT HAS BUILT THIS NATION OF FREEDOM!! V O T E N O ON SJR 42!!!!

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** molin@alaska.net (Mo Longworth & Lin Davis) at CC2MHS1 04/04/98 7:56 PM

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

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

**To:** Senator Dave Donley at LAA\_SDON

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

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

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

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Shame on all of you for voting yes on SJR 42! Now that I know what horrible representatives you are of the basics freedom that our country was founded on I will keep my eye on you and NEVER give you a penny or a vote of support. I wish your career in politics to end right here as you are not the caliber of person to be in office.  
Maureen Longworth

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

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**Subject:**

**From:** pflag@mosquiconet.com (Kailing) at CC2MHS1 04/05/98 2:15 PM  
**bcc:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** @ at CC2MHS1

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PO Box 84680  
Fairbanks, AK 99708-4680  
Sunday, 4/4/98

Dear Senators,

Please vote AGAINST SJR #42!

Of the 153 people who testified before the Senate Finance Subcommittee, 91 opposed SJR #42, while 62 favored it. In Fairbanks, 28 testified, 26 opposed SJR #42, while only 2 favored it. I understand only Senator Torgerson listened to our testimony from Fairbanks. I believe our stories were moving and made sense, whereas the testimony of those for SJR #42 was ridiculous and based on select, out-of-context references to the Bible. Many of us who testified are either Christian or deeply spiritual and disagree with the basis of the supporting testimony. Most of us who testified are gay or have friends and family who we love and know to be worthy of the same basic human rights, protection, and opportunities as every other citizen.

We thank Senators Ellis and Adams for voting against this in the Judiciary and Finance Committees. Please let SJR #42 die. If SJR #42 moves forward, we are prepared to fight but do not look forward to the battle and the hate it generates.

Sincerely,

Nancy Kailing

(a retired FNSBSD teacher, UAF grad student, Presbyterian Deacon, proud mother of a wonderful lesbian daughter, and President of PFLAG Fairbanks)

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

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**Subject:** Vote NO on SJR-42 -- its supporters' violent messages should  
**From:** bsara@ptialaska.net (Sara Boesser) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 11:54 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  
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**To:** Senator\_Mike\_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senators:

If anything should convince you why SJR-42 should stay in the courts at this early stage, it's the hatred you're seeing in the messages of people who support it.

Of course they have the freedom to hold their religious beliefs, but not all religious people agree with them (thank goodness!) -- and this kind of hatred shouldn't be unleashed on Alaskans via a ballot fight before the courts even decide the issue.

Please -- STOP THIS HATRED FROM GROWING AND GOING FURTHER. Stop SJR-42 in the Senate and let the Supreme Court judges (five, not one) decide the issue in a rational, non-religiously-biased manner.

Thank ou,

Sara Boesser,  
Juneau.

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

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

**From:** ftsmg@aurora.alaska.edu (M & S Galereave) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 10:53 AM

**To:** Senator Loren Leman at LAA\_SI.EM  
**To:** Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Mike Miller at LAA\_SMIL  
**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  
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A "yes" vote on SJR-42 sends a message that discrimination should be legal, and the Constitution is a good place to legalize discrimination against minorities groups.

Mari Galereave  
PO Box 212  
Ester, AK 99725

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

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**Subject:** Vote NO on SJR42  
**From:** mrsmc@mosquitonet.com (Steve Click) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 11:09 AM  
**bcc:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** @ at CC2MHS1

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April 6, 1998

Senators,

This is a request that you NOT support SJR42, a measure that will erode the civil rights of many Alaskans, and will affect many more Alaskans because of their family and friendly ties to homosexuals. I believe that the issue is basically that we should not regulate how two consenting adults live their lives in the area of marriage and commitment to each other. Looking down the road to legislating a moral code for Alaskans, I could foresee that living together (hetero as well as homosexual couples) outside of a legal marriage could become unlawful.

Please vote a strong "No" on this issue and send a clear statement to those groups in the state that want their ideas of what is moral and immoral to be legal in our very divergent state of people.

Thank you for your time,

Steven M. Click  
PO Box 83636  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

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

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**Subject:** VOTE NO ON SJR-42  
**From:** talmadge@alaska.net (Talmadge Bailey) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 1:19 PM  
**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  
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I don't need Leman and his mob of judgmental control-freaks dictating my personal life. Please vote NO on SJR-42!

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

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**Subject:** NO on SJR 42  
**From:** liz@alaska.net (Liz Dodd) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 11:39 AM  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
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**cc:** liz@alaska.net at CC2MHS1  
**cc:** bsara@ptialaska.net at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senators: Please vote No on SJR 42. If ratified, this constitutional amendment will, for the first time in Alaska's history authorize discrimination in our state Constitution. Rights "inherent" cannot apply to some and not to others. The distinguished members of Alaska's constitutional convention and our courts knew/know well what they were/are doing in protecting the rights of the few against the tyranny of the many. Please obey, rather than amend, Article I of the Alaska Constitution and vote NO on SJR 42. Thank you. Liz Dodd, 100 Parks Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801 (phone 463-2601).

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

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**Subject:** Please vote No on SJR-42  
**From:** sjlee@goulet.tiac.net (Susan J. Lee) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 1:08 PM  
**To:** Senator Gary Wilken at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS  
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Dear Senator:

I am writing to you because I think the SJR-42 is a bad idea. I am a married woman with a 2 year old son. I am a Christian and the president of my Church Council. I do not see how gay or lesbian couples marrying can threaten my marriage or my family or any one else's, for that matter. In fact, I think that providing for gay couples legally to have more stable and committed relationships would serve to strengthen the American family. The institution of marriage has changed dramatically over time. For much of human history it served to provide property (a wife) to men. Marriage for love was rare until relatively recently. I do not see why the institution of marriage should not continue to change to reflect a more fair and equitable society.

Thank you for your consideration.

Susan J. Lee, Psy.D.

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

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**Subject:** Vote No on SJR 42

**From:** grant@alaska.net (Paul H. Grant) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 4:14 PM

**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
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Please vote no on SJR 42. This is a mean-spirited, abusive, bigoted, discriminatory piece of legislation. The proposed language has no place in Alaska's Constitution.

Please recall the 30 years ago it was unlawful in many states for blacks and whites to marry. This bigotry (which all rational humans now agree was WRONG) was justified on the basis of biblical interpretation - - - in other words, the

imposition of the morals of the majority at the time on an unpopular underclass.

The very same bigots who supported miscegenation laws on the basis of a flawed, unchristian interpretation of the bible now seek to continue the repression of gays and lesbians using similarly detestable logic. Should Alaska pass this amendment, it can take comfort in being the Alabama and Mississippi of the 1950's - - - repressive of a group of citizens who want nothing more than to live out their lives in peace with their chosen life partners, free of state meddling in their bedrooms.

I suggest that you take the high road - - - - reject bigotry. Don't seek to impose your morals on a large group of productive, law-abiding Alaskans. Look ahead - - - acknowledge the inevitable. Thirty years from now, don't look back

to face the label of bigotry that will certainly be yours if you adopt this

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amendment.

Reject SJR 42. Thank you.

Paul H. Grant

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

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

**From:** TomAndAl@alaska.net at CC? 04/07/98 1:41 PM

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

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

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Why is the Senate even considering a Constitutional Amendment defining marriage? Haven't you enough really important issues (subsistence, education funding and the budget to name only three) that need your attention? Finally, don't you realize how much hatred you are creating by even discussing such a sensitive issue?

Separation of church and state is REQUIRED in the U. S. Constitution; it is NOT an option. Yet, you are contemplating a definition of marriage based upon religious text. Why? If you don't intend to follow the federal constitution, why not just withdraw from the United States.

Just vote NO on SJR-42 and let the court system decide what happens.

Tom Rachal

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

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**Subject:** VOTE NO ON SJR # 42!!  
**From:** Uafpsymaj@aol.com at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 1:21 PM  
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**To:** Senator\_Mike\_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Sean\_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Garry\_Wilken@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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PLEASE VOTE AGAINST SJR # 42!!!!

Of the 153 people who testified before the Senate Finance Subcommittee, 51 opposed SJR # 42, while 62 favored it. In Fairbanks, 28 testified, 26 opposed SJR # 42, while only 2 favored it. I understand only Senator Torgerson listened

to our testimony from Fairbanks. I believe our stories were moving and made sense, whereas the testimony of those for SJR # 42 was ridiculous and based on select, out-of-context references to the Bible. Many of those who testified were either Christian or deeply spiritual and disagreed with the basis of the supporting testimony. Most of us who testified are gay or have friends and family who we love and know to be worthy of the same basic rights, protection, and opportunities as every other citizen.

We thank Senators Ellis and Adams for voting against this in the Judiciary and Finance Committees.

Please let SJR # 42 die. If SJR # 42 moves forward, we are prepared to fight but do not look forward to the battle and hate it generates!

Thank you!

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

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**Subject:** Vote "No" on SJR-42

**From:** lslayton@northstar.k12.ak.us (Lisa Slayton) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 8:42 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

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**To:** Senator\_Gary\_Wilken@legis.state.ak.us.\_\_\_\_\_ at CC2MHS1

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Please vote "NO" on SJR-42! Passing this amendment is not in the best interest of anyone in Alaska...to deny civil rights is never the right thing to do!

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

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**Subject:** Please vote No on SJR 42  
**From:** uulf@mosquionet.com (UU Fellowship ) at CC2MHS1 04/05/98 11:00 PM  
**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  
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**To:** Senator\_Dave\_Donley@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
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**To:** Senator\_Mike\_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**cc:** rkemnitz@polarnet.com at CC2MHS1

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Senator,

I am disappointed SJR-42 passed both committees. I would still urge you to let the courts rule on the validity of same-sex marriages before any attempt is made to place it on a ballot.

Our Unitarian Fellowship in Fairbanks has performed gay marriages (unions) for years and will continue to do so in accordance with our Unitarian principles. Our first three principles are to 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.

I do not want to see discrimination codified by amending our state constitution. This is a civil rights issue. It would be helpful for you to take an opportunity to get to know some gay persons. I am not gay nor do I have any gay relatives but since I do have some gay acquaintances I am in touch with the struggles they go through.

thank-you,

Richard Kemnitz  
P.O.Box 84734

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Fairbanks, AK 99708  
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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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

**From:** lchaim@alaska.net (Stacy) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 12:15 AM

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

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Please allow the decision of the court to prevail. Uphold equality, privacy and fairness. Vote NO on SJR-42. Thank you.

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

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

**From:** sudie@mail.ptialaska.net (Susan D. Hargis) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 7:47 AM

**To:** Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Mike Miller at LAA\_SMIL  
**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
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Dear Senator,

I urge you to vote "NO" on SJR-42 when it comes up for a floor vote this week.

It is your duty as a legislator to protect and support the rights of ALL Alaskans, no matter what your personal feelings are regarding any social issue, such as homosexuality. Please do not vote to pass this bill to satisfy the agenda of a small group of extremely conservative individuals.

For those in the majority, I believe that broad Republican support of this bill is the wrong message to send to Republicans and other moderates in this state, and weakens the very foundations of the party with divisive bills such as these. Please stand up to the extremists in the party and tell them that it is time to stop this nonsense and waste of time and money.

This state was founded on individualism and a "live and let live" philosophy. Please stand up for the rights of all Alaskans to live their lives with dignity and privacy.

Thank you,  
Susan Hargis

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

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

**From:** valliel@mail.jsd.k12.ak.us (Linda Vallie; Juneau School Dist.; Juneau; Alaska)... 04/07/98 12:54 PM

**To:** Senator Gary Wilken at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
**To:** Senator Robin Taylor at LAA\_STAY  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
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Dear Senators:

Putting minority rights issues on ballots for majority voters to decide is never a good idea. Let the courts work this one out!

Sincerely,

Linda Vallie

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

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**Subject:** PLEASE VOTE NO ON SJR 42  
**From:** rscmh@aurora.alaska.edu (Celia Hunter) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 1:50 PM  
**cc:** Senator Loren Leman at LAA\_SLEM  
**cc:** Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA\_CAP  
**cc:** Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA\_CAP  
**cc:** Senator Mike Miller at LAA\_SMIL  
**cc:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
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Dear Senators: The issue of whether or not the State of Alaska should ban same sex marriages is at present before the court system of Alaska, and that is where it should be, not acted upon by the Legislature or handled through an amendment to the State

Constitution. This latter course would be extremely divisive in our local communities and could lead to violence directed against innocent people.

The Legislature has declared itself in favor of family values, but it is acting against its own stand by denying the legal protection of marriage to those of our citizens who want to establish lasting relationships and to express their commitment through same sex marriage.

Many of my friends are within the gay and lesbian communities here in Alaska and Outside. They are fine human beings, members of many religious organizations, doing good works in many vocations and in service positions. They deserve the same basic human rights, protections, and opportunities as every other citizen.

I thank Senators Ellis and Adams for voting against SJR 42 in the Judiciary and Finance Committees. I urge all of you to vote against this ill-conceived measure in your committees and on the Senate floor.

Sincerely, Celia M. Hunter - a 50-year Alaskan and activist for human rights. The Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Friends has gone on record favoring the right of gays and lesbians to marry, and to be protected from discrimination of all sorts.

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n their workplaces, their homes, and their lives.

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Celia Hunter  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
rscmh@aurora.alaska.edu

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

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**Subject:** Please vote "NO" to the SJR-42 bill  
**From:** asykp@UAA.ALASKA.EDU at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 3:50 PM  
**To:** Senator Lyman Hoffman at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Lyda Green at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Loren Leman at LAA\_SLEM  
**To:** Senator Johnny Ellis at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
**To:** Senator Jim Duncan at LAA\_SDUN  
**To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA\_CAP  
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**To:** Senator\_Robin\_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Please,

I am a born and raised Alaskan. I believe that we should all be entitled to the same right to marriage. This right should be shared by all and not only a certain select group based on the fact that they chose someone of the opposite sex. The fact that an individual has chosen one and only one specific individual to spend their life with should be honored just like all other unions between a man and a woman.

Please vote "No" on the SJR-42 bill.

Yvonne Phillips

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

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

**From:** TomAndAl@alaska.net at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 3:03 PM

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

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

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Please vote NO on SJR-42 as it is based upon religious text -- and we are supposed to have separation of church and state in America!

I don't want "religious" marriage. I don't want "gay marriage." I want "civil marriage." The term "gay marriage" implies that same-sex couples are asking for "special rights or privileges" that married couples do not have. I want EQUAL rights to civil marriage, just like you have. After all, I am no less committed to my lifemate than you are to your spouse.

Just vote NO on SJR-42 and let the court system decide what happens.

Al Kaneta

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

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**Subject:** Vote "NO" on HJR-42

**From:** fbagla@aurora.alaska.edu (Alaska Gay and Lesbian Association) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 2:52 PM

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

**To:** Undisclosed recipients;;;@aurora.alaska.edu; at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator,

I am writing to you on behalf of sixty-seven gay and straight students of the University of Alaska Fairbanks in opposition to HJR-42. Our organization, the Alaska Gay & Lesbian Association, is 94% Alaskan and we have been working diligently for over twelve years to ensure equality for Alaska's gay, lesbian, and bisexual citizens at the UAF campus.

I know full well that you have been flooded with hundreds of messages supporting HJR-42 with a variety of arguments, most of them based on a religious foundation. I would like to ask you to look at HJR-42 now from another perspective, the perspective of an individual legally denied the right to marry the individual of their choice.

If HJR-42 passes, gays and lesbians will be unable to provide insurance coverage to their partners. If HJR-42 passes, hospitals can deny visiting privileges for their partners. If HJR-42 passes, gays and lesbians cannot assume legal responsibility for their partners' children. If HJR-42 passes, long-term gay and lesbian relationships will be invalidated and their ability to serve as role-models to young gays and lesbians will be neutralized.

The lack of recognized, stable, long-term same-sex relationships has been tied to both the high rate of suicide among gay and lesbian teens and the unsafe sexual practices of gays and lesbians, which increases the risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases.

Although these may seem to be extremely far-reaching consequences of HJR-42, they are the reality that our community has been facing for decades. Please do your part to stop the destructive cycle and allow gays and lesbians to join in the fight for family values.

Respectfully,  
Matthew H. Putnam  
Lead Coordinator  
Alaska Gay & Lesbian Association  
University of Alaska Fairbanks

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\* For more information, call 907-455-7352 \*  
\* E-mail: fbagla@aurora.uaf.edu \*  
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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** Please table SJR-42  
**From:** sushma@alaska.net (Susan R. Clark) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 11:44 PM  
**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  
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**To:** Senator Gary Wilken at LAA\_CA  
**To:** Senator\_Al\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
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Dear Senators,

My husband and I have been married 31 years and have two children. I believe that those citizens who are gay have the same need as we

>to mate for life,  
>to be allowed in as "next of kin" when their partner may be hospitalized,  
>to be supported in their commitment to family values.

No one's marriage takes away from my own, whether it is that of my children, that of my neighbors, that between races or religions, that between gay adults. I celebrate and honor their commitment to a life partner, a relationship in which to grow. Our troubles as a society are not caused by commitment and connection, but by irresponsibility and alienation.

- \* Please withdraw SJR-42 so that Alaska is not faced with an expensive and divisive and hateful ballot campaign.
- \* Please let the Courts do the work they were created to do.
- \* Please protect our Constitution from frivolous piece-meal gutting of Alaska's privacy rights and fundamental liberties.

Thank you for your leadership that comes from introspection, compassion, and a sense of justice.

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** hdeuber@pobox.alaska.net (Harry Deuber) at CC2MHS1 04/05/98 11:30 PM

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

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Please vote no on SJR 42. Thank you, Harry Deuber, anchorage

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

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

**From:** popcorn@servcom.com at CC2MHS1 04/05/98 10:24 PM

**To:** Senator Gary Wilken at LAA\_CAP

**To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS

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

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

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

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I urge you to vote no on SJR-42.

We do not need the state senators telling other people how to live their lives. We do need state senators who will keep the focus on the important issues such as subsistence, education and domestic violence against women and children.

Please vote no on this bill and get back to the business of doing your real job.

Susan Klein

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

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**Subject:** Vote no on sjr-42

**From:** kjhall@uakron.edu (Kelley J. Hall) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 8:00 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  
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Please vote no on SJR-42. Don't give into the fear and bigotry of homophobes who hate gays and lesbians. Love and commitment are universal and are not limited to heterosexuals in their marriages. Gay men and lesbians are loving people who deserve the same opportunity to have a public, legally recognized marriage.

Why are people so afraid to recognize the love and commitment of lesbians and gay men? Why is heterosexual marriage held more sacred? And why would "good" Christians use the bible to spread hate about God's children?

Fear and bigotry.

I live in Ohio and I would hate to see stereotypes about Alaskans (i.e., out-of-touch, uneducated, etc.) upheld by the Alaskan congress amending its constitution to specifically deny gays and lesbians the opportunity to marry. I certainly won't consider vacationing there, either.

Vote no on SJR-42.

Sincerely,

Kelley J. Hall

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

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

**From:** Peter.Warden@vissci.com (Peter Warden) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 1:17 PM

**To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS

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

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

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

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

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Don't force a vocal minority's views on all Alaskans through the lawbooks.

Peter Warden

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

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**Subject:** Vote No on SJR 42!

**From:** jckt@alaska.net (Joe Cooper) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 7:19 AM

**To:** Senator Jim Duncan at LAA\_SDUN  
**To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Gary Wilken at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Dave Donley at LAA\_SDON  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** "Al\_Adams@legis.state.ak.usSenator\_Tim\_Kelly"@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
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Kathi Trawver  
2375 Captain Cook Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99517

Dear Senators,

Please vote "NO" on SJR 42! Any attempt to amend the constitution should be done with extreme caution as it opens up the possibility of ending protections to ALL Alaskans.

I know my Senator, Loren Leman feels the courts are attacking the sanctity of marriage. Maybe his marriage, but not mine.

Our communities are filled with increasing hatred and violence. Each day we ask, "how could this happen here?" Hatred breeds violence. SJR 42 and a ballot measure on this would do nothing but increase hatred toward gays, and all other minorities. There are so many more urgent and important issues facing you in representing all Alaskans, I urge to let the courts decide this issue and vote no.

Thank you for consideration of my views.

Respectfully,

Kathi Trawver

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

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**Subject:** Vote NO on SJR-42  
**From:** fsdfk@aurora.alaska.edu (Fool) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 9:03 PM  
**cc:** Senator Loren Leman at LAA\_SLEM  
**cc:** Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA\_CAP  
**cc:** Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA\_CAP  
**cc:** Senator Mike Miller at LAA\_SMIL  
**cc:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**cc:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
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Dear Senators,

I have lived in Alaska for six years now, and although I am by no means a soursough, the direction that this state takes will effect me drastically as I plan to stay in Alaska for some time. Subsequently, the laws and policies that this state makes and maintains, I will be living with. For this reason, I would like to voice my concerns to you about SJR-42. I find it very disturbing that our state is willing to ostracize part of its populace at whim. It appears to me that the sole intent of this bill is to allow discrimination against a particular group of individuals. This is fundamentally wrong! Also, I am leary about the power that this alteration to the constitution would give to the legislature for subsequent changes to the definition of marriage. At the moment, marriage carries with it more than just religious conotations, more than just political conotations, and more than just economic conotations. As long as this is so, I want to reserve my right to participate in the fate of marriage.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote NO on SJR-42. Thank you for your time and effort. Any questions or opinions can be returned to this address.

Sincerely,

Dale F. Kohlmetz

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

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**Subject:** SJR-42 "Plese Vote 'NO'"  
**From:** ideas@micronet.net (James Ponder) at CC2MHS1 04/07/96 8:33 PM  
**To:** Senator Gary Wilken at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
**To:** Senator Robin Taylor at LAA\_STAY  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
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Greetings,

As a registered voter, I want to voice my concern over the "un-judicious" manner in which SJR-42 is being pushed through the Alaskan governing body. The unreasonable and discriminatory propagation of SJR-42 is clearly a mark of a civil organization unwilling and unable to stand upon rational, human, and civic grounds in regard to human equality.

- \* SJR-42 promotes sexual discrimination
- \* SJR-42 denies social construction of gender roles (i.e., reinforces the wo/man dyad as naturally, or biblically imperative)
- \* SJR-42 effectively denies rights to citizens of Alaska
- \* SJR-42 is a stop-gap measure based upon fear and prejudice
- \* SJR-42 effectively ignores the well-founded decision of the court

As the bastions of governmental sensibility that you are, please take a stance for rationality, equality, and basic human rights. Vote "NO" on SJR-42.

Thank You For Your Time,

James C. Ponder

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

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**Subject:** VOTE NO ON SJR-42  
**From:** EclecticPr@aol.com at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 9:53 PM  
**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  
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**To:** Senator\_Sean\_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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SJR-42 is a mean spirited act of bigotry. Please vote NO!

Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual youth are three times more likely to commit suicide than their heterosexual counterparts because they live in a society where SJR-42 is even considered.

Stop the bigotry, and soon the youth will stop dying.

Please vote NO on SJR-42... Lives are at stake...

Sincerely,  
Gregory Twiss

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

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**Subject:** No on SJR 42

**From:** nsimpson@pobox.alaska.net (Nancy Simpson) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 6:19 PM

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

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Dear Senator Sharp, I have lived in Juneau for 22 years and have two adult children. I am writing to ask you to please vote no on such SJR 42. Please stop the polarization and continuing spread of hatred that can do nothing but hurt our state. Thank You, Nancy Simpson

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

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**Subject:** SJR42

**From:** molin@alaska.net (Mo Longworth & Lin Davis) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 5:43 PM

**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  
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OPPOSE SJR 42--Let the courts decide!

Lin Davis  
3099 Nowell Avenue  
Juneau, AK 99801

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

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**Subject:** NO on SJR 42

**From:** molin@alaska.net (Mo Longworth & Lin Davis) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 5:42 PM

**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  
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Do NOT harm anyone's basic constitutional rights! OPPOSE SJR 42 or I will oppose you in any further political endeavors.  
Maureen Longworth  
3099 Nowell Avenue  
Juneau, AK 99801

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

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

**From:** arosado@mosqitonet.com (Andres Rosado Jr.) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 5:17 PM

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

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**Subject:** No Way on SJR 42!

**From:** akmedia@alaska.net (APCMC Inc.) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 5:19 PM

**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enough is enough. You and your church's morality do not belong in legislative business anymore than my Pagan earth worshipping. Table SJR 42 for once and for all. Don't we have better things to talk about?

Peace,  
Jay Stange

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** fsjb1@aurora.alaska.edu (Jean Battig) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 4:26 PM

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

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Please vote "NO" on SJR 42!

Gena & Rex Schley

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** fsjb1@aurora.alaska.edu (Jean Battig) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 4:25 PM

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

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Please vote "NO" on SJR 42!

Jan Roberts

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** fsjb1@aurora.alaska.edu (Jean Battig) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 4:24 PM

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

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Please vote "NO" on SJR 42!

Dr. Jean Battig

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

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**Subject:** SJR-42

**From:** fsjed@aurora.alaska.edu (Jennifer Dumont) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 3:52 PM

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

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

**To:** Senator\_Dave\_Donley@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Jennifer Dumont

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

**From:** fssbg1@aurora.alaska.edu (Susy Gullickson) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 4:05 PM

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

**To:** Alaska State Senate;;@aurora.alaska.edu; at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator,

You will soon be called upon to vote on SJR - 42. I urge you to vote NO on this resolution - let the courts decide this matter and allow ALL Alaskans their innate right to pursue happiness. The hateful, bigotted messages espewed by supporters of this bill should serve as testimony enough for

you to realize that this is not an issue which should be voted on by general ballott.

Please, make a clear-headed decision and vote NO on SJR - 42.

Thank you.

Susan Gullickson  
4720 Harvard Circle  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
907-479-3856 (H) 907-451-1730 (W)  
email fssbg1@uaf.edu

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\*\*\*\*\*907-479-3856\*\*\*\*\*

"though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, \*\*\*\*\*  
we must carry it with us or we will find it not."\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*"und wenn wir die ganze Welt durchreisen, um das Schoene zu finden,  
\*\*\*\*\* wir muessen es in uns tragen, sonst finden wir es nicht."

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

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**Subject:** Opposed to SJR#42

**From:** picaro@mosquitonet.com (Peter Pinney) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 3:16 PM

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

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This SJR#42 is an onerous bill. I request that you do not let it go to a vote. The vitriolic messages that are coming from supporters, the claims of people marrying dogs, the entire tenor of the conversation is merely a prelude to what is coming if this goes to the ballot. I do not feel this is what Alaska wants nor do I see it as useful.

Sincerely,  
Pete Pinney  
P.O. Box 82290  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

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**Subject:** VOTE NO ON SJR-42

**From:** iaa@polarnet.com (Interior AIDS Association) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 2:15 PM

**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  
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DEAR SENATORS,

I AM URGING YOU TO VOTE NO ON SJR-42..THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO LIMIT MARRIAGE BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMEN. THIS IS DISCRIMINATION IN THE HIGHEST ORDER. IT IS A PERSONAL CHOICE FOR A PERSON TO SELECT THEIR LIFE PARTNER AND ONE THAT HAS NO BUSINESS BEING REGULATED BY THE GOVERNMENT. MOST OF THE ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION FOCUS AROUND BIBLICAL REASONING...SEPERATION OF CHURCH AND STATE IS STILL SOMETHING TO BE CONSIDERED. I AM UNCLEAR OF THE "COMPELLING REASONS" OF WHY MARRIAGE BETWEEN ADULTS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED. THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME AND FUTHER DISCRIMINATES AGAINST A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ARE DESPERATLY SEEKING CIVIL RIGHTS...IN THE WORDS OF OF THE GREAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, "AN INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE." WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR SONS OR DAUGHTERS WERE GAY OR LESBIAN, WOULDN'T YOU WANT THEM TO HAVE THE RIGHTS THAT ARE AFFORDED TO YOU?

THANK YOU FOR YOU DISCERNEMENT ON THIS ISSUE..NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE THE JUST CHOICE.

SINCERELY,

CAREY CUMMINGS  
305 WEDGEWOOD DR. #A27  
FAIRBANKS, AK 99701

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

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**Subject:** VOTE NO on SJR 42

**From:** kailing@mosquionet.com at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 1:58 PM

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

**To:** @ at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senators,

I appreciate the response from Senators Wilken and Leman to my last e-mail message.

I disagree with Senator Leman's reply that this amendment, going before the public, would not create a flood of hate and hurt. Each time Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - Fairbanks have participated in public events we have received hateful, judgemental messages and even death threats. I love my gay daughter and do not appreciate her, or our family, being judged and threatened.

Let the courts decide this issue - do not bring it before the Alaskan people.

Nancy Kailing  
PO Box 84680  
Fairbanks, AK 99708-4680

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

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**Subject:** Vote NO on SRJ-42!!!  
**From:** Erica.L.Hyman@williams.edu (Loving Happy Circle) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 9:12 PM  
**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:** senak.us@williams.edu at CC2MHS1

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Marriage is a loving contract between two human beings who are devoted to spending their lives together. It is painful to think that the state of Alaska might deprive any of its citizens of such a basic right. Please vote on behalf of ALL of your citizens (rather than a select few who wish to deprive the others -- gays and lesbians wish to deprive no one) and vote no on SRJ-42.

Sincerely,  
Erica L. Hyman '98  
Williams College  
Williamstown, MA 01267  
98elh@williams.edu

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

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**From:** susana@blissnet.com (Susana BonaDea) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 10:06 AM

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**Subject:** My testimony on SJR 42  
**From:** lgriffin@ptialaska.net (L.Griffin) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 6:42 AM  
**bcc:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** lgriffin@ptialaska.net at CC2MHS1

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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 SJY 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.

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

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**Subject:** Vote no on SJR 42  
**From:** jznelson@hotmail.com (Jason Nelson) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 11:20 AM  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** Senator\_Al\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
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I am a lifelong resident of Alaska. I urge you to take your duty as a senator and the oath you took to uphold the constitution seriously and vote no to SJR 42. The rights of Alaskan citizens depends on your vote.

Jason Zane Nelson  
909 1st Street  
Douglas, AK 99824

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

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**Subject:** vote against anit gay marriage amendment

**From:** etdlaw@ptialaska.net (Elliott T Dennis) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 11:30 AM

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

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> Senators:  
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> What if you have a child who is bright, hard working, talented and  
> caring.  
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> What if you have a child who makes you extremely proud to be a parent.  
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> What if your child is gay?  
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> Will you want an anti gay marriage amendment placed before the voters so  
> homophobic citizens and conservative Christians can say hateful and  
> inaccurate things about your child?  
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> Will you sit back and allow others to hurt your child? I hope not.  
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> Will you help others try to hurt my child? I hope not. Your child,  
> grandchild, neighbor or a friend, may be gay - don't hurt them. Vote no  
> on the anti gay marr. ve amendment.  
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> Elliott T. Dennis  
> 1010 W 10th Ave.  
> Anchorage, Ak 99501

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42.

**From:** sprucebb@alaska.net (Sharon and Dick Waisanen) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 8:26 PM

**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
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Please vote against SJR 42. This bill has no place in the legislature or in the constitution. Any relationship between two people should be between those two people without any interference from government.

Dick Waisanen

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** fsjb1@aurora.alaska.edu (Jean Battig) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 4:24 PM

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

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Please vote "NO" on SJR 42!

Dr. Jean Battig

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

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**Subject:** Vote no on SJR 42

**From:** sgreen@eagle.ptialaska.net (S.Green) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 8:38 AM

**To:** Senator Lyman Hoffman at LAA\_CAP  
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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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

**From:** ltsmg@aurora.alaska.edu (M & S Galereave) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 9:42 PM

**To:** Senator Loren Leman at LAA\_SLEM  
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Susan Galereave  
P.O. Box 212,  
Ester, AK 99725

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

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**From:** ftsmg@auroa.alaska.edu (M & S Galereave) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 9:51 PM

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

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**Subject:** SJR42 Please Vote NO

**From:** akmeems@ptialaska.net (Mary Graham) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 9:08 PM

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

**To:** Senator Jim Duncan at LAA\_SDUN

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Senator Duncan and other members of the Senate

I would like to share with you a recent quote from Coretta Scott King,

"As Martin once said, 'We are all tied together in a single garment of destiny, an inescapable network of mutuality. I can never be what I ought to be until you are allowed to be what you ought to be,' " she said.

Mrs. King was speaking to civil rights leaders, urging them to work against homophobia and anti-gay bias, last week in Chicago.

I am trusting that you will help me be what I ought to be, by showing courage, justice and strength when SJR42 comes before the full Senate. PLEASE VOTE NO

Please let the courts rule on this issue before we start a hateful ballot campaign in Alaska that will pit neighbor against neighbor.

I don't know how this amendment to the Alaska constitution will help insure family values in Alaska.

There are many families in Alaska that are headed by same sex couples, amending the constitution is not going to make those families go away. All it will do is continue to deny these families the benefits that all families should enjoy.

I also don't know how granting marriage licenses to same sex couples could diminish marriage for any other citizen. There is no shortage of Love, it is a renewable resource, thank God. There are no limits on the number of marriage licenses the state can issue. Hetrosexual couples will be able to get married just like they always have been, receiving the benefits and assuming the responsibilities of that civil contract. It is not like granting licenses to same sex couples means we are going to run out. Isn't Alaska strengthened, when people who Love each other commit to support each other, depend on each other, and create stable families.

For those whose faith convictions don't allow them to support same sex marriages, I am not asking your denunciation to sanction any such Unions.

I am only asking that all Alaskans, including myself, be granted equal rights under the Alaskan Constitution.

I really would hate to see Alaska's values of privacy and individuality tarnished by this amendment.

I am counting on you to do the right thing.

Mary Graham  
Juneau, Alaska

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

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**Subject:** Please Vote NO on SJR 42  
**From:** Laftmc@aol.com at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 8:25 PM  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
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Dear Senator:

Please vote NO on SJR 42. Alaska has a tradition of independent thinking and protecting personal privacy. Gay and lesbian people may not be the most popular minority, but popularity shouldn't be the litmus test for granting equality.

Marriage rights matter: gay and lesbian people need to be able to visit their partners when they're hospitalized; to make sure their children are protected; to make inheritance arrangements that aren't subject to a hostile relative's whims...and hundreds of other legal and financial protections that marriage automatically grants.

Don't let popular prejudice prevent you from doing what's right: treat all Alaskans fairly by voting against SJR 42.

Sincerely,

Christopher Calhoun

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

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

**From:** dccsal@alaska.net at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 11:55 AM

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

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Senator Sharp: Please vote no on SJR-42 and count our two voices as opposed to this very unconstitutional amendment designed to deny us basic rights as Alaskans.

Connie Faipeas  
Sally Schliesmann

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

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**Subject:** NO on SJR-25

**From:** fhillman@alaska.net (FREDERICK J. HILLMAN) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 9:48 PM

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

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Dear Senator Sharp,

Judging from letters to the editor in the Anchorage Daily News, I have the impression that many people think that they do not know any gay or lesbian people, let alone couples. Moreover they have the illusion that this country is "a Christian nation." Let's save the latter for another time; I would like to address the first.

As for myself, I am a retired physician, living in Anchorage since 1958. I "came out" as homosexual two years after my wife of 22 years died of cancer in 1977. I had known that I had these desires all my life, but had repressed them during marriage. (For me it was not a question of "either/or" but rather one of "both/and".) When Louise died, our three sons were 6, 8, and 10. I continued to raise them as a single parent. They live here in Anchorage and you are welcome to talk with Jon, Andrew or Rob, if you have questions about what it was like for them. Or talk with any of my five grandchildren.

In the church that I attend, about ten percent of the active congregation are lesbian or gay male individuals, including three lesbian couples with children, two of whom I know well. I can assure you that these lesbian parents do the best parenting of any parents I have observed over the years, and far better than the job I did myself. Being somewhat of an activist in the gay and lesbian "community", I am also acquainted with a number of couples, some with grown children, some without, and these coupled relationships appear to me to be better than those of many of the heterosexual marriages I have seen among my friends and colleagues, certainly no worse. The divorce rate among my straight physician colleagues has always been amazing to me.

Contrary to the letters to the editor, historically marriage was a legal matter regarding property and inheritance for a millennium before it became a matter for the Christian Church. Marriage did not become a sacrament until 1215 A.D. (For a detailed account of this history please see "Same-Sex Marriage in Premodern Europe," by Yale historian John Boswell, Villard Books, 1994, ISBN 0-679-43228-0.) Marriage is still is a legal matter, and a significant number of worthy people are being excluded from the legal advantages that the state grants to married couples. It is beside the point to argue that gay people are not good parents, or that some gay relationships do not last, or that some straight people object because the concept is against THEIR religion, or that somehow the existence of a legal marriage between two men or two women will threaten other marriages or other families, or impair the quality of parenting in other families, or somehow weaken the fabric of society. No, it is a simple matter of fairness.

Yours sincerely,  
Frederick J. Hillman, MD (ret.)

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

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

**From:** fssbg1@aurora.alaska.edu (Susy Gullickson) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 1:57 PM

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

**To:** Alaska State Senate;;;@aurora.alaska.edu; at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator,

As a life-long Alaskan and supporter of tolerance, as an informed voter, and as a family member and friend of wonderful people who are also homosexual, I hereby URGE you to vote NO on SJR - 42.

Our nation was founded on principles of religious tolerance and freedom, and the understanding that ALL people are created equal. This bill contradicts these tenets and encourages a mean-spiritedness and an invasiveness of government that is entirely un-Alaskan.

The judicial courts of our nation are deciding the issue of gay marriage. Let them fulfill their responsibility to protect us from laws which infringe on our basic rights - please do not interfere with my life or the lives of people I love by passing this bill. I would never presume to tell you whom you should marry, nor do I tell you what to believe or how to live your life. Please afford me and all Alaskans the same courtesy.

Marriage is a private, personal decision and is not an issue which can or should be determined by voter referendum.

Thank you for considering my input in your decision. Please vote No against SJR - 42.

Sincerely,

Susan Gullickson  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709-3010  
907-479-3856 (H), 907-451-1730 (W)  
email fssbg1@uaf.edu

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

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**Subject:** "Vote No on SJR-42"

**From:** fbernier@pop.adn.com (Frederick Bernier) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 1:03 PM

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

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Please vote NO on SJR-42. We feel that this attempt to amend the constitution is misguided and only doomed to extensive and unnecessary court costs. This is a waste of public funds and effort which will drain the state's resources in a futile attempt to legislate in areas where the state should not be involved. We are very actively involved Christians who do not feel that it is appropriate for the state to misapply Christian morality. In fact this attempt to judge others and cast stones is the essence of placing the legislature and narrow interpretations of the Gospel above God in ways which are counter to the loving and accepting religion which we believe in strongly.

Again, we strongly urge you to vote AGAINST SJR-42.

Gorden Hedahl and Jean Loudon

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Gorden Hedahl & Jean Loudon  
711 Darrell Drive  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

(907) 479-9262

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

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**Subject:** Please Vote No on SJR-42  
**From:** lgriffin@ptialaska.net (L.Griffin) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 8:31 AM  
**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
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Please let the courts decide this issue. Alaska does not need, and can not afford the increase in hatred and divisiveness that will result from this debate. The debate and battle over this bill will damage human lives, regardless of the outcome of the vote. Just look at the amount of hateful rhetoric that has surfaced since the bill was introduced. It is inappropriate to put basic human rights up to a "vote of the most popular".

I have seen studies which have shown that the basic rights written in the Bill of Rights couldn't win a popular vote if they were put on a ballot, but that doesn't mean they need to be tossed out. Specific religious views have no place dictating civil laws governing every Alaskan. Separation of church and state is a guardian of our liberties and I implore you to keep that in mind and vote no on SJR-42. Please allow the judicial process to be completed without all the religious & homophobic rhetoric that is only harmful to Alaskans.

Leanne Griffin  
1405 Mary Ellen Way  
Juneau, Alaska

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**Subject:** Vote No on SJR-42  
**From:** denalibl@pobox.alaska.net (Denali Backcountry Lodge) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 8:27 AM  
**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
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Signed,  
Rebecca Downey

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

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**Subject:** Vote No on SJR 42 - this is a blatant violation of individua  
**From:** kwineman@educ.state.ak.us (Kathi Wineman) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 6:07 PM  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** Senator Dave Donley at LAA\_SDON  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** SJR-42

**From:** lslayton@northstar.k12.ak.us (Lisa Slayton) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 8:58 AM

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

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Please do not continue to support SJR-42. It is NOT the right thing to do.  
Please do not deny civil rights to ANYONE.

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

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**From:** peeps@alaska.net (Ehli/Beck) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 10:51 AM  
**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
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**cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp**

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**Subject:** Please vote against SJR 32  
**From:** sallyk@xyz.net at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 11:12 AM  
**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** Senator Robin Taylor at LAA\_STAY  
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**To:** Senator\_Mike\_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator,

I am writing to urge you to vote "no" on SJR 32, Senator Leman's "same sex marriage" ban. Please leave this issue to the courts to decide. Legislating on this issue will only divide Alaskans and encourage mean-spirited, personal attacks. Same sex marriage is not a moral, religious issue; it is about fairness and equality. Please vote to support fairness and equality by opposing SJR 32.

Thank you,  
Sally Kabisch  
P. O. Box 467  
Homer, AK 99603  
(907) 235-4060

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

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

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**Subject:** Vote No on SJR-42  
**From:** MollyBolt@aol.com at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 2:42 PM  
**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  
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Please, let the courts decide this issue! Religious "leaders" have no place dictating laws governing every Alaskan. Vote no on SJR-42 -- the rest of the country is watching.

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

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**Subject:** Please oppose SJR 42  
**From:** sarag@mosquiconet.com (Sara Callaghan) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 10:31 AM  
**cc:** Senator Mike Miller at LAA\_SMIL  
**cc:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**cc:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
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Dear Senator Wilken:

I know you have heard from me on many issues, most of them relating to public health and happiness for Alaskans. Today, I write you as a concerned citizen who loves Alaska because of the freedom and independence we are afforded every day.

I was lucky to be raised in a loving, Christian family. My mother and father taught me the importance of neighborly acceptance and helped me build the confidence to accept diversity within our community. Senator Wilken, I know you have it in you to do the same.

SJR 42, the resolution which defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman, runs contrary to the Christian doctrine of love and acceptance because it excludes and marginalizes some of the healthy, loving relationships that exist within our community. Some estimates conclude that ten percent of our overall population is, in fact, homosexual or bisexual. This is not a "lifestyle choice", it is an inherent part of who these citizens are.

I can only imagine the kind of turmoil that that gay men and women must endure in our society. It's hard enough to be a young, white woman finding her place in the world. I feel very lucky that I do not have to endure many outright prejudices in my life. As lawmakers, you and your colleagues should be working to make our community more livable and

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accepting of all of our brothers and sisters- not just those who fall into the majority mold. Our great nation was formed so that individuals could have the freedom to express their differences openly and honestly, without risk of persecution. Let's stand up today and continue that tradition by opposing hateful and marginalizing ideas like STR 42.

Thank you for your honest consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Sara Callaghan  
PO Box 84770  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
907-456-7276

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

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

**From:** rproko@polarnet.fnsb.ak.us (Ruth Prokopowicn) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 10:17 AM

**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
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Dear Senator,

We are once again faced with the issue of separation of church and state. There is no legal or civil reason for the limitation of the legal institution of marriage as defined by the state. The courts have already stated this.

I have yet to hear an objection to marriages of any kind based on any legal premise. All objections seem to be originating from personal moral and religious beliefs. What is not familiar can appear to be shocking and an abomination.

It was not that long ago that women working outside of the home in professions such as medicine and the law were thought to be such an abomination. Equal rights for women and other minorities were at one time or another in our history an appalling thought to many citizens.

I am concerned when state policies affecting all citizens and potential amendments to our constitution are based on fear of others; others who happen to be members of the same human race as themselves.

One of the duties of legislators is to listen to the many while still protecting the few who are also their constituents.

I urge you to vote no on SJR 42. Let's make a move to a more positive

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method of reconciling this issue rather than spreading acrimony over the entire state.

Thank you,

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Vote No on SJR-42

Let the courts decide this issue! Just look at the hatred and vile attacks you're reading in your messages for the bill -- they're the very reason this shouldn't go to the ballot! Particular religious views have no place dictating laws governing every Alaskan. VOTE NO on SJR-42 and let the courts decide!