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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: lambdc@alaska.net (Dave & Toni Lamb) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 11:47 AM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator Sharp,

My husband and I are writing to ask you to support SJR 42. We find it very upsetting that one unelected judge can change or redefine marriage in our state without the voice of the people being involved. We the voters in Alaska should have a voice in this decision and passage of SJR 42 will give us that voice. We believe that marriage and family are the foundation of our civilization. I see this as just one more way that family and family values are being destroyed.

The federal government of the United States defines marriage as being a union of only "one man and one woman". If Judge Michalski's ruling is allowed to stand, Alaska will be in conflict with the other states. Are we opening our state up to having homosexuals from all over the country traveling here to get married and then going home saying Alaska says we are married. This will cause a lot of legal battles all over the country.

Please support SJR 42.

Thank you

Toni and David Lamb

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: RobinHoodmotors@corecom.net (Patrick Cook) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 12:27 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

DEAR SENATOR, MY WIFE AND I SUPPORT TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE. WE URGE YOUR
SUPPORT OF SJR 42. THANK YOU, PATRICK AND LINDA COOK, P O BOX 873466,
WASILLA, AK 99687

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Let the people decide - SJR 42

From: naturalee@juno.com at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 12:33 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator:

Being concerned voting members here in Alaska, we feel it our obligation to let you know that we strongly support traditional marriages. We feel that the majority of Alaskans do, but not enough of us are letting our voice be heard. We are appalled that Judge Michalski has suggested that the Alaska constitution give homosexuals the right to marry. Who is he to decide what would affect all of us? It is wrong for him to make this decision without the people of Alaska being allowed to vote on this issue. We are in support of SJR 42 which would allow us, the voters, to decide the issue, as it should be. Please be a voice of the true majority of Alaskans who feel that a traditional marriage - between one man and one woman - is the only way that stable, secure children can be raised who are the future leaders of this great state. Doing it any other way would bring problems we shudder to imagine.

Gregory Lee Coy
Linda Bingham Coy

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Subject: SJR42

From: anny@pobox.alaska.net (Sherry) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 1:40 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator Sharp, Please vote in favor of SJR42. As we look at the many things that are taking place in our country we realize the importance of strong families. Traditional family units are a must for the future.
Thanks, Sherry Sayer

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: dkimble@alaska.net (Dave & Brenda Kimble) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 1:48 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

I want the opportunity to vote on same sex marriages in Alaska.

PLEASE SUPPORT SJR 42!!!!!!

Thanks.

Brenda Kimble
dkimble@alaska.net

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42 Marriage Amendment
From: cocosmith@juno.com (CoLene Smith) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 2:21 PM
To: Senator Dave Donley at LAA_SDON
To: Senator Tim Kelly at LAA_SKEL
To: Senator Jim Duncan at LAA_SDUN
To: Senator Johnny Ellis at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Lyman Hoifman at LAA_CAP
To: Senator Georgianna Lincoln 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
To: senator_al_adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
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To: senator_jerry_ward@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: senator_gary_wilken@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator,

I am writing to you for your support of the amendment to protect traditional, heterosexual marriage in the State of Alaska. I am extremely opposed of any tampering with the laws of nature. Marriage is an institution that cannot be separated from the natural complementarity of men and women. There is no government on the face of the planet that can 'redefine' marriage anymore than we can 'redefine' gender.

Marriage and the family are the foundation of our civilization. Most of the problems in the world could be resolved if we as a people work to protect and preserve the institution of the family. To attempt to chane an eternal truth is trying to pass a law that requires one to believe that the world is flat. The law could be passed and even accepted by the majority of the people, but it does not change the truth. The sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

Please accept this letter as our support of the amendment SJR 42. Your efforts to promote measures designed to maintain and strengthen the family are greatly appreciated and noted.

Respectfully,

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Support SJR 42 against same sex marriage
From: mfrance@alaska.net (Josephine Rodriguez) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 2:49 PM
To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator,

I am urging you to support Bill SJR 42 on traditional marriage consisting only of a husband and wife. I am very much against same sex marriages.

Josephine Rodriguez
Valdez, Alaska 99686

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Supports SJR 42 against same sex marriage
From: mfrance@alaska.net (John Rodriguez) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 2:58 PM
To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator

I am a Native Alaskan, 51 years old, and am writing you about the court ruling by Judge Michaelski on same sex marriage.

Please do all you can to stop this chaos in our Alaska. The implications are horrible to think about and the judgments against us will be just as horrible.

Just the same as men have inalienable rights, given to us by God, we have been give inalienable responsibilities, in the form of moral standards, such as "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination" [Leviticus 18:22]. There are more, but you get my point.

The same God whom all our countries Founding Fathers honored, to whom we all acknowledge in the Pledge of Allegiance, to whom we honor in our US constitution, has given us clear directions.

Homosexuality is an abomination is what he has told us.

I urge you to do all you can to get our State of Alaska out of this crude rut and help move us cleanly into the Year 2000.

Please support SJR 42.

Miles Duane France
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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Our Support for SJR 42
From: fjdavenport@worldnet.att.net (Fred & Debra Davenport) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 8:01 AM
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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To: Senator_Mike_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: Senate_Sean_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: Senator_Drue_Pearce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Senator:

Please note my hearty endorsement of SJR 42. I want to represent the "silent majority" of Alaskans who believe you must speak out boldly to prevent the encroachment of interests who would make Alaska the dismal catalyst for formal erosion of the American family. The battles being waged everywhere in defense of the traditional family cannot be lost in the courts as a result of one judicial decision (Judge Michalski) - please let the electorate be heard on this issue.

Fred Davenport
Wasilla, AK
907-357-0757

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: FW: Proposed Amendment SJR-42

From: adairconsulting@ibm.net (Sean Adair) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 10:56 PM

To: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA_TRANS

cc: Senator Randy Phillips at LAA_TRANS

cc: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

cc: Senator_Drue_Pearce@legis.state.sk.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator:

I'm a happily married man with a beautiful wife and children that mean everything to me. In this day and age, these children are being raised in a society where schools teach that it is normal to be gay.

When I was younger, gay meant that you were happy. In today's world gay has a different meanings to different people.

As our Senator and voice of the people use your own common sense! You were born from a mother and a father, not from two men or two women. Hopefully you were taught family values. If you are gay, and a Senator, let us all know so we won't vote for you. However, people in your position would not disclose this information in fear of losing votes.

If you don't support SJR-42, then you are a homosexual in my thinking!

If this bill is passes, what's next, a sheepherder marrying the best looking sheep of the flock?

I support SJR-42 100%

Chris Anderson

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Support of SJR 42

From: bighorn@mtaonline.net at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 10:03 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

I strongly urge you to vote in favor of SJR 42. This bill defends traditional marriage which is a part of the fabric of our society. Without a father and a mother, without a strong male and a strong female role model to follow, our children flounder as they try to find their place in our world. These traditional strong marriages make strong families. Studies show that strong families help children do better in school and everywhere else. If in doubt of the family's value, visit the myriad counseling centers or, even better, the prisons. Ask any teacher the difference the family makes for a student.

I was appalled to learn of Judge Michalski's decision which suggested the constitution gives homosexuals the right to marry. Not only does this decision open the door to future legal conflicts, but it allows one unelected official to set the moral code for all according to the values of the special interest group involved. Will the judicial system continue to allow freedom of expression and behavior til even murder is permissible? Must we publically acknowledge something that is repugnant?

Sincerely, Bonnie Warner

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: rwh@alaska.net (Darrell & Claudie Banner) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 10:41 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator Sharp,

I am writing in regards to the issue of same sex marriages. I am very much opposed to this and wish to encourage you to support SJR 42. The family is the basic unit of society and a mother and a father are the basis to that unit.

Why there are some among us that wish to tear that apart is beyond me. What kind of future are we building for our children? Everyone around will flock to Alaska to obtain their marriage license and who knows what we will end up with. And where will it stop after that?

Please listen to the people of Alaska and realize the importance of the need to keep families together. Marriage between a man and a woman is sacred and we must stop this ugly practice of same sex marriage.

Thank you for your time and please realize this is very important to our future of this great state and country.

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: scott.lindsey@juno.com (Scott D Lindsey) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 4:57 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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Please support passage of this bill. My wife and I and our four children love Alaska and appreciate the courage of those who have spoken out against the very strong political forces that are attacking the basin unit of our state and country -- the family. Judicial decisions should not make policy -- that should be taken care of by an expression of the people's will through their elected legislators, which would be all of you senators.

We feel very strongly that Alaska of all places should not be allowing same sex marriages contrary to the law of the land and of each of the 50 states composing this great country. Alaska should be leading the country out of the moral mess that has overtaken us, not wallowing in the same politically correct morass that many other states have.

Marriage of one man and one woman and the family are the cornerstone of our civilization. Please support SJR 42.

Thanks

Scott and Joyce Lindsey

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42 Marriage amendment
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To: senator_john_torgenson@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator,

We urge the passing of SJR 42. We are definitely against same sex marriages; because it is against God's law. We feel this is one issue that should never even have to have a law. Homosexual marriages are against the moral foundation of our family units. God's purpose was to have a Father & Mother to make our families strong, NOT two people of the same sex.

Thank you for your time,
Warren and Donna Fiscus
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Subject: SJR 42

From: benat@mtaonline.net (Jim & Jo Renk) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 4:20 PM

To: Senator Jerry Ward at LAA_TRANS

To: Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA_CAF

To: Senator Gary Wilken at LAA_CAP

To: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA

To: Senator Dave Donley at LAA_SDON

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

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

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

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

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

We support marriages between one man and one woman.

Marriages between homosexuals are abnormal and contrary to nature.

Cynthia Jo Renk
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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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

I support marriages between one man and one woman only.

Homosexual activities are abnormal and not natural and should not be included with mainstream practices like marriage.

Jim Renk
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99687-0049

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Support SJR 42
From: simp@ptialaska.net (Simpson) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 6:40 PM
cc: Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA_CAP
cc: Senator Gary Wilken at LAA_CAP
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Please support SJR 42!

We are totally against same-sex marriages! This is a direct attack to the Traditional family unit, which is the foundation for a healthy society and thereby a healthy Country! Please do not let one misinformed liberal judge decide this issue, but let the people decide by bringing it to the people of this great State!

Please support passage of SJR 42 which will allow us, the people of Alaska, the right to decide the issue and keep the foundation of this great State and Country strong by supporting the traditional family unit.

Isn't there enough social problems that can be directly attributed to the erosion of the family unit? Please help stop the insanity!!!

Support SJR 42!!!

Thank you in advance for your support,

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR42

From: lavoie@matnet.com (Lavoie; Jim) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 6:38 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

>Date: Mon, 06 Apr 1998 18:36:01
>To: Senator Al Davis
>From: Jim LaVoie <lavoie@matnet.com>
>Subject: SJR42

>
>>My wife Nancy, and I, are writing you in support of SJR 42. We would like to urge you to support this proposed amendment to the Alaska constitution. The idea of same sex "marriages" is totally WRONG!! Judge Michalski "suggested" that the Alaska constitution gives homosexuals the right to marry. Just because he suggests that it is possible, does not mean that it should be allowed. We believe that this possible loophole should be closed.

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>>>Since there are no other states in the United States that recognize same sex marriages, Alaska does not have to set the trend. It is important to think about the consequences not passing this resolution could have on the rest of the country.

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>>>We realize that passing this resolution may lead to putting the question to a vote of the people. This would be exactly what should happen. It does not follow through that one judge's "suggestion", or opinion, should determine what the people of Alaska should be voting on. One of the things our ancestors fought the Revolutionary War for was not having a say in what was happening in the government. Please let the people of Alaska have their say. Vote in favor of SJR 42 and let the people of Alaska make their feelings known, at the polls.

>>>
>>>Thank you for your consideration and support.

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: [Fwd: Marraige ammendment]
From: wsf@alaska.net (Warren Scott Foster) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 6:36 AM
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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X-Mailer: Mozilla 3.01 (Win95; I)
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Al, Adams@legis.state.ak.us
CC: Dave, Donley@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: Marraige ammendment

Dear Sir

I support the effort to ammend the Alaska State Constitution to give the state the power to ban same sex marraiges. I am appalled that a judge has taken it upon himself to dictate his will contrary to the rest of us. I would at least like to see the issue put up for a vote by the people.

Same sex marraige is the ultimate hypocrisy. What is the point? The only reasons for marraige are religious in nature, and the Bible clearly demonstrates that God ordained marraige to be between a man and a woman. It further states, in the law of Moses that the act of homosexuality is a capitol offense, punishable by death. One of the main reasons that the twin cities of Sodom and Gomorah were destroyed by God is because they were hopelessly infested by homosexuals. The only nonreligious basis for marraige is for extending financial benefits to the partner. Traditionally health and retirement benefits are given to a spouse because she stayed home to raise the children while her husband provided for the family. A homosexual couple does not produce offspring, and both can work. There is no need or reason to extend financial benefits to their partner.

It is discouraging to me that our society has degraded so far that we even have to address this issue. When you think about the vile and disgusting act that defines homosexuality it is incredible that those deviants who have perverted themselves by participating in this filthy act are even willing to admit it, let alone try to get the government to

support it.

It is ludicrous to suggest that you cannot legislate morality. All laws are moral. Suppose my morals said it was ok to rape, murder, and steal, that it ought to be survival of the fittest? What right has the government to impose anybody else's moral restrictions on me? (Maybe murder is a bad example, since apparently a few of the honorable scoundrels in Juneau think it ought to be legal to kill a baby provided you can perform the ghastly deed before the little tike manages to get its first breath of air.) If you answer that a majority of the people determines this, fine, let's put the same sex marriage issue up to a vote of the people!

It is ridiculous to claim that perverts don't hurt anyone but themselves. Moral deviancy was a major contributing factor to the decline of the classical civilizations of Greece and Rome. Many innocent people have fallen victim from AIDS, which would be alive today if sexual deviants had not first spread the disease throughout the world. Thousands, perhaps millions more have died or will die from the spread of tuberculosis and rare diseases, which had almost been stamped out, but have recently found fertile breeding ground in the bodies of AIDS victims, where the germs can multiply so successfully that they become numerous and powerful enough to infect other people. Perhaps the most frightening repercussion the rest of us suffer because of perverts will be the result of the actions of children who will grow up with unhealthy, abnormal attitudes and perceptions of life, if they are raised by same sex parents. I shudder to think that if my children were orphaned and I had not properly crossed the t's on my will, the state could no longer have legal right not to place them in the custody of homosexual parents. These are just some examples of why what they might do in their closets, hurts all of us, and why government should have the right to legislate against it.

I do not hate these people. I am required by my religion to love and forgive them. I do hate the act and lifestyle they seek to promote. I think the act itself ought to be illegal, let alone marriage of the same protected by the government. Please give us the privilege of voting on this important issue.

Thankyou sincerely,
Warren S. Foster
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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Fw: SUPPORT SJR 42
From: hendersonak@matnet.com (Henderson; William) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 6:45 PM
To: Senator Lyda Green at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Loren Leman at LAA_SLEM
To: Senator Johnny Ellis at LAA_TRANS
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
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To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
To: Senator_Al_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
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From: hendersonak <hendersonak@matnet.com>
To: Senator_Al_Adams@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: SUPPORT SJR 42
Date: Monday, April 06, 1998 6:22 PM

I am a married woman and a 8 year resident of Alaska. I am writing this letter asking for your support for traditional marriage between one man and one woman. Legal same sex marriages will only lead to the destruction of the family. There are so many things in the world that tear at this ESSENTIAL unit of society, please do not let same sex marriage become legal. I believe that everyone has a right to make their own choices on how they lead their lives, but I do not think the government should make something like this legal and acceptable as a family unit. I am not a profound writer and may not express my thoughts adequately, but I feel very strongly about this and hope that you will take it into consideration how a lot of everyday Alaskan citizens like me feel and hold the traditional family as a sacred and precious thing.

Thank you.

Lynette Henderson

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: [Fwd: Vote NO to same-sex marriage!!!]
From: clcardon@polarnet.com (Craig B. Cardon) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 7:17 PM
To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

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X-Mailer: Mozilla 4.0 [en] (Win95; I)
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Senator_Al_Adams@legis.state.ak.us
Subject: Vote NO to same-sex marriage!!!
X-Priority: 3 (Normal)

Dear Senator,

We are writing in regards to SJR 42. We are a heterosexual married couple who firmly oppose same-sex marriage. Marriage is a union between one man and one woman. It is sanctioned by God and supported by every state in the United States, by the Constitution of the United States, and by every country in the world. By allowing same-sex marriage Alaska would be subjecting itself to the scrutiny of the world. Things as simple as the tourism trade would change. The people attracted to coming to Alaska would be doing so for the oddity of the laws. Those who would not come would be the vast majority of the world; heterosexual marriage supporters.

Would the next step of Alaska be to allow marriage between man (or woman) and beast or parents to children? If we reinterpret the constitution we are opening up a whole new set of problems.

The basic, natural order of life is the union between male and female. It is that way in humanity and it is that way in the animal kingdom. Alaska should be no different! Vote against same-sex marriage!!

Sincerely,
Craig and Lianne Cardon
Fairbanks, AK

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Subject: SJR 42, Proposed Constitutional Amendment Protectin

From: rweaver@eagle.ptialaska.net (Robert H Weaver) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 7:34 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator,

We, like many Alaskans, were appalled by the recent decision by Judge Peter Michalski suggesting homosexuals have the right to have marriage legitimized under State law. We want you to be aware in no uncertain terms that we are unequivocally opposed to any action that would legitimize homosexual marriage relationships.

We believe that marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God and that such marriages and the resulting family unit consisting of father, mother and children is the framework upon which this country was founded and that any law, ordinance or proposition otherwise is contrary to God and man and the welfare of the country. Additionally, if this proposition fails and the State of Alaska chooses to recognize homosexual marriages, we will stand alone in the world as no other state in the union recognizes homosexual marriages, nor does the Federal Government nor any country in the world!

Please be informed we support SJR 42 and respectfully request you give this issue the most carefully consideration possible and vote for SJR 42.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert and Roberta Weaver
2175 George Road,
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: FW: Amendment SJR-42
From: adairconsulting@ibm.net (Sean Adair) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 10:36 PM
cc: Senator Randy Phillips at LAA_TRANS
cc: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
cc: Senator Robin Taylor at LAA_STAY
To: Senator_Drew_Pierce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

I would like to express my support for SJR-42.

My uncle died as a direct result of his homosexual lifestyle. Homosexuality is a learned behavior not something of a natural basis. By allowing same sex marriages we open a very large can of worms.

Marriage is ordained of God for the purpose of procreation. It takes a male sperm to unite with a female egg. That will never change.

Our Nations families are in jeopardy. Same sex marriages do nothing to strengthen, support or sustain traditional family values or morality.

What will be next, parents marrying offspring? Siblings marry each other?

Furthermore, as a Representative or Senator of Alaska I would think you would want to preserve Alaska as "the last frontier". I will lobby against anyone who votes against this amendment and runs for re-election.

In closing I'd like to say one last thing, in homosexual relationships there is no monogamy between partners. Yes, they live together as a couple but continue to seek partners who swing

Marriage with them will not change this practice, but by approving same sex marriage they will be afforded the benefits of being someone's spouse. Their rights are not being violated nor are they unconstitutionally being denied any rights as individuals.

Nina Jo Jensen

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p.s. As a genealogist, please save our family tree.

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: robinpp@corecom.net (Koreen Robinson) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 9:57 PM

To: Senator Lyda Green at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Rick Halford at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Lyman Hoffman at LAA_CAP
To: Senator Tim Kelly at LAA_SKEL
To: Senator Loren Leman at LAA_SLEM
To: Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA_CAP
To: Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA_CAP
To: Senator Mike Miller at LAA_SMIL
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To: Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: Senator_Gary_Wilken@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator:

I am concerned about the ruling by Judge Peter Michalski regarding the "same sex marriage" case, Feb 27, Brause & Dugan vs. State of Alaska. I highly feel that this is an social issue not to be decided by a single judge, but should be decided by the people who live in this state. I would like to be counted in support of SJR 42, to amend the state constitution that would define marriage as an union between one man and one woman.

I feel that we should be "preventing" not just "correcting" harmful issues, not just in physical areas (i.e. diseases, food industry, transportation, etc.), but in moral and spiritual matters as well. Few people would argue if any or all forms of epidemics were allowed because we should treat the problems AFTER they occur. We demand standards in many areas of our lives to prevent problems from occurring. This is one such issue.

Thank you.

Koreen Robinson
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Wasilla, AK 99654

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: beeman@alaska.net (Tom & Carol Elliott) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 9:40 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator Sharp,

I very strongly urge you to support SJR 42 protecting the traditional, and scriptural, heterosexual marriage. This is not only the right thing to do, from a moral perspective, but protects the state from factors that would increase the cost of government.

Tom Elliott

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"Test everything. Hold on to the good." (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

Tom Elliott
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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Strong Support of SJR 42
From: nwappett@polarnet.com (Nigel Wappett) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 9:54 PM
cc: Senator Gary Wilken at LAA_CAP
cc: Senator John Torgerson at LAA_STOR
cc: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
cc: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
cc: Senator Mike Miller at LAA_SMIL
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cc: Senator_Robin_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
cc: Senator_Jerry_Ward@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

>Dear Senator:

> I strongly urge you as a representative of Alaska's people to lift
>your voice in support of SJR 42, the Constitutional amendment which
supports

>traditional heterosexual marriage in the state of Alaska. We are faced
with

>a very vocal and politically-active minority (nevertheless, a very small
>minority) promoting the travesty of same-sex marriage. None of us should
>desire that the great state of Alaska become an oddity among states and
>nations by condoning same-sex marriage based on the opinion of an unelected
>judge. A decision of this magnitude, which represents a considerable
>deviation from mainstream America, should never be allowed to be made by
one

>person, judge or no judge! If marriage is indeed to be "re-defined", the
>Legislature must either stand its ground or submit the proposal to the
>people of Alaska for a resounding defeat!

> As a women's physician, I am constantly exposed to the gay
>community. All families have problems, but this group is particularly prone
>to dysfunction and aberration. I fully agree that the gay community should
>have equal rights under the law and should never be subject to
>discrimination, but I strongly disagree that their definition of commitment
>be foisted upon our legal books. Regardless of how it is done, a family
>will never naturally emanate from this type of union. I, for one, believe
>that the family is not only the foundation of civilization from time
>immemorial but also a sacred institution ordained by God. Modern society

is

>quietly chipping away at every mooring the family has traditionally
>enjoyed.

> Let's not contribute to that in this state. I cannot imagine the
>legal maelstrom encountered if same-sex marriage is condoned in Alaska. I
>can foresee gays from around the country and around the world coming here
>for licenses and the stamp of legislative approval.

> The recognition of same-sex marriage has been attempted in other
>states and has been subject to resounding defeat. If you cannot support
>traditional union between a man and a woman, at least listen to your
>constituents before casting your vote. Let's not be carried about by every
>fad or group desiring validation of their lifestyle. I would hope that the
>Legislature would take the high road and place your support where the
>support is most desperately needed in this state: behind every hard-working
>man and woman struggling to instill the values of decency and common sense
>into their children as they face a most challenging future. I'm afraid the
>Sourdoughs who braved the Chilkoot Pass 100 years ago would shake their
>heads in disbelief if they knew what our current governing bodies face.

Take

>a stand now where we can make a difference in supporting the traditional
>home and not making headlines in the National Enquirer. We are all bigger
>thar. that! Support SJR 42 unequivocally.

>Sincerely,

>Nigel G. Wappett, M.D.

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: support of SJR 42

From: shaleehn@yahoo.com (Shaleen Nelson) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 10:36 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

The Honorable Senator Sharp;

My Family and I are writing this message to let you know that we are strong supporters of SJR 42. We encourage your support of this important resolution (SJR 42) also. The traditional family is too important to compromise!

Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. Rawson L. Nelson, Jr, and Family

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Support SJR 42

From: lynnette@alaska.net (Lynnette Boyer) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 8:27 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_Mike_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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We must protect the traditional definitions of "marriage" and "family"! If not, these concepts will eventually erode until they are meaningless, and the stability and well-being of our country will go along. America is built on marriages made up of one man and one woman. Please fight to keep it this way.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Mrs. Lynnette Boyer

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Support SJR 42!

From: lynnette@alaska.net (Eric Boyer) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 8:25 PM

To: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
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To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
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Thank you for your time and consideration,

Eric Boyer

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR42

From: cocosmith@juno.com (CoLene Smith) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 9:16 PM

To: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
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To: senator_sean_parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator:

First of all, thank you for the service that you give to me and my family. I am thankful for representatives that are willing to serve by studying the issues, gathering opinions, weighing them, and then making decisions that they feel will accomplish the most good. I appreciate the opportunity of writing and expressing my views.

I'd like to express my full support of the marriage amendment SJR42. There are clearly some principles and institutions on this planet that do not need to be debated, do not need to be discussed, and do not need to be revised. Clearly, there are those that would change laws so as to promote their chosen life-style. I stand everyday with my students and pledge my allegiance to a nation under God. I understand that judges and legislatures pledge that same allegiance. It seems inconsistent that in one breath we pledge allegiance to a nation under God and then turn around and try to change His laws.

The institution of marriage, between a man and a woman, has already been defined and established by an intelligence much higher than ourselves. I do not believe that we have yet progressed to the level to which we can redefine or change His creations.

Please support SJR42 so your's and future legislator's time need not be spent on matters that cannot be compromised. SJR42 is a wonderful

opportunity to promote measures that maintain and strengthen the family
as the fundamental unit of society.

Sincerely,

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Palmer, Alaska 99645
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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Passing SJR 42 is my highest legislative priority!

From: SchwantesVA@alaska-pipeline.com (Schwantes; Vance A.) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 8:18 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Senator Sharp:

I strongly support SJR 42. It is my highest priority legislative issue for the following reasons:

* To my knowledge, no other state in this country, or country in the world permits same-sex marriages. The federal government defines marriage as being a union of only "one man and one woman." If Judge Michalski's ruling stands, Alaska will be in conflict with the laws of all other states and countries in the world. People will travel to Alaska from all over the country to be legally joined and then return home to create tremendous legal challenges and upheaval in their own States. SJR 42 will prevent Alaska from this shameful distinction.

* Marriage is, and has been for thousands of years, defined as the union of one man and one woman. A man/man union is not a "marriage", it is something else - a partnership or some other union. The State of Alaska cannot redefine "marriage" anymore than it can change the meaning of "gravity"; because such an act would conflict with natural laws that precede Alaska's law.

* Allowing the ruling of one unelected judge to undermine this institution (and fundamental nature of our society) without the consent of the citizens of this State is absolutely unacceptable. I strongly believe marriage (man/woman only) to be the foundation of our civilization, as do nearly all of the members of my community. This ruling makes a mockery of common consent, my opinion as to the nature and direction of the my community and State, and also the collective desire of the people of this State - attendance at the public hearing notwithstanding. Passage of SJR 42 will allow the citizenry to decide this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this sacred matter.

With utmost sincerity,

Vance A. Schwantes
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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: cpo@Alaska.NET (The Castleman's) at CC2MHS1 04/06/98 7:56 PM

bcc: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

To: "Senator Al Adams"@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

To: "Senator Bert Sharp"@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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We elected you to support our wishes.

The citizens of the state of Alaska wish their congressional representatives to turn this on over to the people.

Don't let us down.

Robert W. Castleman
Marsha L. Castleman
Mikki L. Castleman
Friends and Relatives in Alaska

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: buchananre@yahoo.com (Robert Buchanan) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 7:41 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
To: Senator_AI_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
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It has come to my attention that Anchorage Judge Peter Michalski suggested that the Alaska Constitution gives homosexuals the right to marry.

Please know that I am completely and with every fiber of my body against such unions. Traditional marriage is and should be the only form of recognized marriage.

Throughout our society we see a degradation of moral standards and shift towards accepting the unacceptable. All of this is contributing to the tearing down of the traditional family and confusion among our children today.

Please hold fast to what we as a state know is morally right and do not accept or recognize homosexual marriages.

Robert Buchanan

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Subject: SJR 42

From: sxtph@alaska.edu (Tim and Alicia Hagensick) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 6:36 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
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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 Whom it may concern,

I storly support SJR42. I think it is wrong to let same sex marrigae to take place. I believe marriage should remain between one man and one woman. This is the way it has been for centuries. If same sex marriage is allowed, it will ruin tradition. If SJR 42 does not pass, Alaska will become the only sate in the United States of America to allow this.

Sincerly

Tim and Alicia Hagensick

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42 (PRO-Traditional Marriage)

From: dduffett@polarnet.com (Doug Duffett) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 4:30 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator:

Please VOTE YES on SJR 42. We need to protect the traditional family, with marriage involving one man and one woman. Society needs this stable foundation.

Please let me know your views on this topic.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Doug Duffett
32 Adak Avenue
Fairbanks, AK 99701
(907) 452-8055 (FAX)

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Subject: SJR 42

From: rdropps@mosqitonet.com (Ron Dropps) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 7:38 AM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator,

Thank you for your support of a real FAMILY, it is a sad day when we have to vote on such a bill. Remember when the word gay ment a happy person? IT's gone down hill alot , but lets keep pushing up hill for our children and grandchildren. A Man and a Woman. I wonder If " they" even thought how are children suppose to get into this world when a man and a man , or woman and a woman get married. Course they are not in it for anything but sick preversion.

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: schwepes@xyz.net (Bill Quiner) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 6:40 AM

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>Steve & L.z Darling
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>Alice Lind
>166 Bunnel Ave #2
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From: schwepes@xyz.net (Bill Quiner) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 6:42 AM

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>Ron & Gay Pendleton
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>Homer, AK 99603
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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJR 42

From: cwebb@eagle.ptialaska.net (Ron & Cathy Webb) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 8:43 AM

To: Senator Rick Halford at LAA_TRANS

To: Senator Lyman Hoffman at LAA_CAP

To: Senator Tim Kelly at LAA_SKEL

To: Senator Loren Leman at LAA_SLEM

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

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

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

Please support SJR 42.

"Marriage and the family are the foundation of our civilization.

It is

absolutely wrong for one, unelected judge to redefine this institution

without the people of Alaska being involved in the decision.

Passage of

SJR 42 will allow the voters to decide the issue, as it should be. It

will give the people a chance to say to Judge Peter Michalski,

"You're overruled!"

Marriage in this country should always be between one man and one woman. If we allow other types of marriage, it will eventually bring the destruction of this country. Please support this bill. This is what is best for Alaska. We shouldn't allow one judge to speak for the people of Alaska.

Again, please support SJR 42. Thank you.

Catherine L. Webb
cwebb@eagle.ptialaska.net

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: SJF 42

From: Wir nifordfamily@compuserve.com (Steven E Winniford) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 1:17 PM

To: Senator John Torgerson at LAA_STOR
To: Senator Mike Miller at LAA_SMIL
To: Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA_CAP
To: Senator Randy Phillips at LAA_TRANS
To: Senator Robin Taylor at LAA_STAY
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To: senator_al_adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: senator_loren_leman@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator,

It has come to my attention that SJR43 may come to vote soon. I wanted to let you know that I support this bill. Homosexuals already have the right to marry. They want an extra right that will effect everyone else in this country: the right to redefine marriage. A single judge, an unelected one at that, has taken the matter into his own hands, attempting to force this state to conform to his ideas of what marriage should be. I am tired of the judicial branch of our government dictating what our laws will be! Let the people speak on this matter! Put it up to a vote! Let me tell you why the homosexual activists are working so hard on this issue, bombarding you with mail, faxes, testimony, etc. They know that their agenda will be flatly turned down if the people are allowed to vote on it! If a distinct definition of marriage were to become a part of our state's constitution, the courts would not be able to dictate to us on this matter anymore! Judges were not appointed to redefine the law, but to interpret it! Perhaps the next thing you all should work on is limiting the power of the judiciary!

Thanks for all your hard work for us, and for considering what I have to say.

Sincerely, Nancy Winniford

441 W. 90th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99515

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Senate Joint Resolution 42
From: lesa@ptialaska.net at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 12:25 PM
To: Senator Dave Donley at LAA_SDON
To: Senator Gary Wilken at LAA_CAP
To: Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA_CAP
To: Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA_CAP
To: Senator Jim Duncan at LAA_SDUN
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To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
To: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
To: Senator_Al_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: Senator_Loren_Leman@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senators:

I would like to encourage you to support both SJR 37 and SJR 42.

It is imperative that we maintain traditional family values for our state.

There is no other state in the country, nor any country in the world that allows same sex marriages. This thought goes not only against all civil law, but also against the laws of nature and of God. Should same sex marriages be allowed, what is there to stop polygamous or incestuous marriages?

An appointed judge should not be allowed to interpret and enforce a law that will affect an entire state and set a precedent for an entire nation. This issue should be decided by the people.

You have been given the awesome responsibility of molding the future of Alaska for generations to come. Do you want to be written down in history as the one who allowed this great digression of morality that will affect an entire nation and possibly the world? I know if I were in your place, I wouldn't want to bear that burden.

Please support SJR 42.

Sincerely yours,

Lesia K. Newman
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Juneau AK 99801

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Fwd: SJR 42

From: pgrein@yahoo.com (Penny Grein) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 1:32 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

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From: Penny Grein <pgrein@yahoo.com>

Subject: SJR 42

To: SenatorAlAdams@legis.state.ak.us

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Dear Senator,

I am sending this communication to you in regards to SJR 42. I strongly support this proposed constitutional amendment to protect traditional, heterosexual marriage. I believe that marriage and family are the foundation of our civilization and that allowing same-sex marriages would further jeopardize the current moral state of our country and contribute greatly to the further breakdown of the family unit in our society.

Our Federal Government defines marriage as being a union of only "one man and one woman". What gives the State of Alaska the right to redefine marriage? I believe that allowing same sex marriages would only create further havoc and chaos in our court systems, with medical and life insurance claims issues, and also with our culture overall.

I believe that the voters of Alaska should be able to take part in deciding the outcome of such a controversial issue. Thus, as a registered voter in this state, I support SJR 42 to protect my voting rights and privileges to participate in what is happening with the laws in this state.

I strongly urge you to also support SJR 42.

Penny Grein
PO Box 676
Glennallen, AK 99588
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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Bil SJR 42
From: sassy@alaska.net (Roz and John Strang) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 6:48 AM
To: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
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To: Senator Robin Taylor at LAA_STAY
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To: Senator_Sean_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator:

We'd like to take this opportunity to speak for the support of bill SJR 42. First, marriage is an institution that has been recognized throughout the centuries as involving both man and woman. It's legislation wasn't necessary. It's recognized truth. For Alaska to legislate same-sex marriage, puts it in direct conflict with every other state's, and countries' legislation. What a tragic waste of the tax payers' money, as we purposely put ourselves in position for endless litigation. Secondly, by redefining the meaning of marriage, Alaska opens the door to redefining anything someone wants to alter. Where would it stop? All existing legislation would be subject to redefinition, ultimately questioning "truth." As school teachers, we hear much questioning of standards. "It isn't fair" is commonplace. As we explain to our youthful charges, there is a higher standard which you are rebelling against. Alaska is youthful, small in population, and therefore easily subject to the pressures of such immature, and presumptuous reasoning. But legislators must take the stand to protect its charge utilizing a higher form of reasoning. Maturity dictates that we don't succumb to the immature and irrational demands because of their lack of understanding. What if we were to apply that same reasoning to our children's discipline? Lastly, not only would the passage of same-sex marriage create an unhealthy environment for Alaskan families, as many of those couples would choose to live in the state that sanctions their life-style; but it would also create countless problems as those couples returned to their home states, and tried to regain the

status afforded to them in Alaska! It's a "Pandora's Box" that should remain shut! Common sense, if not Truth, dictates it. Please find the energy and strength to support SJR 42. Alaskans will thank you.

John and Rosalyn Strang
Valdez, Alaska

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Support of SJR 42
From: noigloo@alaska.net (David M. Wood) at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 7:54 AM
cc: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA_TRANS
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Dear Senator,

This is just a personal expression of support for SJR 42. I just looked up the definition of marriage in Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary (1967 ed.): . . .
. the 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." The point is that (historically speaking) in western society , marriage has always been between a man and a woman. Now, without any reference to the common, historical meaning of the word, an Anchorage judge has redefined and changed the meaning of the word which stands at the heart and foundation of our society. This new interpretation of "marriage" puts Alaska's law in conflict with 48 of the other states in the union. Nor does any other country in the world permit same sex marriages. Federal Law defines marriage as a union of 'one man and one woman.'
Out of the marriage of a man and a woman a family is established, children are born and society's values are transmitted. Marriage of a man and a woman has

been the
basic and essential building block of civilization. Now a judge has
turned history on
its head in a strained interpretation of the constitution to allow same
sex marriages.

At the very least, you should vote yes on SJR 42 to allow the people of
Alaska a
chance to decide the meaning of the term which has been the basic
building block
of our society.

What is your vision of Alaska? Will become the same sex capitol
of the western
world? Thousands of same sex couples will flock to Alaska to obtain a
marriage
license and return to their own states to try to have their Alaska unions
legally
recognized. This will spawn litigation across the country. Is that how
we want our
state to be seen by the rest of America.

Please vote yes on SJR 42 so the people can decide this issue.

Sincerely,

Mark Wood

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Attempt to redefine marriage
From: miner@email.com at CC2MHS1 04/08/98 8:51 AM
To: Senator Lyda Green at LAA_TRANS
cc: Senator Gary Wilken at LAA_CAP
cc: Senator Jerry Ward at LAA_TRANS
cc: Senator John Torgerson at LAA_STOR
cc: Senator Robin Taylor at LAA_STAY
cc: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
cc: Senator Randy Phillips at LAA_TRANS
cc: Senator Drue Pearce at LAA_SPEA
cc: Senator Sean Parnell at LAA_TRANS
cc: Senator Mike Miller at LAA_SMIL
cc: Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA_CAP
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cc: Senator_Dave_Donley@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
cc: Senator_Al_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator,

We are appalled to hear that Judge Michalski has suggested that the Alaska constitution gives homosexuals the right to marry. Marriage is defined as the legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife. Marriage and the resulting family unit form the fundamental unit of society. It is preposterous for one judge (unelected no less) to attempt to redefine the meaning of marriage.

We support passage of SJR 42, allowing Alaskan voters to decide whether one person has the right to redefine the institution of marriage. We urge you to support this proposed constitutional amendment.

Sincerely,

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: Please support traditional marriage amendment
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Traditional marriage and family are at the foundation of the value upon which this state was established. It would be wrong for one, unelected judge to redefine this institution without the people of Alaska being involved in the decision. I believe the people of Alaska are generally conservative, and that most Alaskans disagree with Judge Michalski's ruling. Please support SJR 42.

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: MARRIAGE AMENDMENT

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

Dear Senator:

I am passionately in favor of the protection of the traditional heterosexual marriage. I am opposed to any move that promotes homosexual marriage. In my opinion, those that are promoting the homosexual marriages are just trying to gain the few economic benefits of the traditional heterosexual marriage. They also seek to somehow legitimise their twisted lifestyle. Homosexuals wish to have their partners protected by health insurance benefits and social security benefits. Both of these programs are very costly and only add to the burden of business and government alike, at the acute expense of the traditional married couples that founded and work hard for these benefits.

Homosexual behaviour is not normal and should not be rewarded with the same high honors that a traditional marriage receives. Please protect the sanctity of this institution. Please protect the financial interests of the states government and businesses. Please cease to promote a deviant lifestyle.

Please support and vote for SJR 42.

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: <No subject>
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To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA
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To: Senator_Jerry_Mackie@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1
To: Senator_Mike_Miller@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

Dear Senator,

I am writing to express my support for SJR 42. I hope that you, also, will support this measure which will allow Alaskan voters to decide whether homosexual "marriage" should be recognized in our state.

The traditional family is the basis for both our civilization and our national stability. Webster defines "marry" as "to join as husband and wife." It is unwise and immoral for any person to assume the power to redefine such a concept which is so foundational to our country's well-being. Judge Peter Michaiski was wrong to rule as he did in "Brause and Dugan vs. State of Alaska", and the people of Alaska deserve the right to overrule him.

Not only is his ruling against morality, it is also against reason. It does not take a brain surgeon to look at the human anatomy and see that men and women were made in such a way as to compliment each other physically. Homosexuality is not normal or natural.

No other country in the world permits same-sex marriages, and no other state in our country permits them either. The people of Alaska do not want the distinction of being the first. If this ruling is allowed to stand, Alaska will be in conflict with the laws of all other states and all other countries in the world. Countless same-sex couples from all over the country will come to Alaska to obtain marriage licenses,

then return home and expect their marriage to be recognized and honored there. The legal conflicts this could cause are limitless.

We must protect the traditional definitions of "marriage" and "family"! If not, these concepts will eventually erode until they are meaningless, and the stability and well-being of our country will go along. America is built on marriages made up of one man and one woman. Please fight to keep it this way.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject:

From: bret@alaskalaw.com (Bret D. Cook) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 12:39 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator Sharp:

I am writing to express my strong support for SJR 42. I am a resident of Fairbanks and am not in your district, but I am familiar with your support of families. It seems that every argument in favor of same-sex marriages is based on problems with traditional marriages. Providing same-sex marriages is not the answer to these problems, but it will only exacerbate them. Let us fix the problems and focus on the family. I ask you as a parent. Although my belief is based in part on my religion and the numerous sociological studies demonstrating the effectiveness in a family of two parents of the opposite sex, my experience as a parent is conclusive. If I can be of help on this issue, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Bret D. Cook

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Dear Senator:

Greetings from the Juneau Church of the Nazarene of which I am pastor.
It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as your chaplain one
week during your session each year.

But, now I want to place a moral challenge before you.

I understand that the Senate Rules Committee will meet to calendar a vote on SJR42. This proposed constitutional ammendment protects the traditonal, heterosexual marriage. And I urge you to support this ammendment. It is the right thing to do!

I cannot understand how our society has degenerated to even consider "same sex-marriages." This is repulsive and the wrong thing to do.

The Bible tells the truth in circumstances of homosexuality. In Genesis chapter 19 there is a very sad story. Two men came to the city of Sodom to visit a man named Lot. Lot welcomed them into his house. A short time later in the evening the men of Sodom came to Lot's house asking for these two men to have sex with them. Lot went outside to urge the crowd of men not to touch these two men and in turn offered his two virgin daughters to the crowd of men. The crowd of men refused the virgins and was trying pressure Lot into giving them these two male visitors. They all left Sodom safely, but the result of Sodom's immorality was ashes.

I cannot imagine what would happen to our great state of Alaska or our great nation if we do not uphold the traditional marriages and reject "same sex-marriages."

Many argue that this is a genetic issue and not a moral chocie. Many reseachers have concluded that there is no genetic differences that cause individuals to choose a partner of the same sex. As a matter c fact there where a few homosexuals in the church I pastor and they have said that it was a matter of choice. I even heard one say, "I want the Church to keep me from sinning in this homosexual lifestyle."

Please support SJR42!

Sincerley,

Pastor Chris Grube

cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

Subject: <No subject>

From: mktman@alaska.net (Jim Evans) at CC2MHS1 04/07/98 7:07 AM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA_SSHA

Dear Senator:

Please support SJR 42, the constitutional amendment to protect traditional, heterosexual marriage. We are in favor of this bill and thank Senator Leman for proposing this amendment.

Please save our traditional marriages!

Thanks for your support,

Jim and Gwenna Evans

March 6, 1998

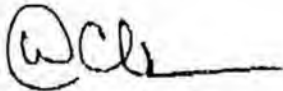
Dear Senator BERT SHARP
FAX 465-2070

I urge you to move HB234 out of your committee. The State of Alaska should be prevented for paying out for people to have abortions. First of all I believe that abortions are wrong and to use state funds to encourage this is also wrong.

Abortions are genocides. Murder for the sake of removing an inconvenience to someone else. Webster defines genocide as "the deliberate and systematic destruction of a racial, political or cultural group". I believe that our unborn, murdered babies fit into that definition. We are agast at the genocides of Hitler or more recent ones in Africa or SE Asia, but we allow them here in our own country and state. An abortion is wrong and the State of Alaska should not be supporting them in any way. There are alternatives to abortion that support the BABY AND THE MOTHER - let's support them!

I would appreciate your comments on this bill and why it is being held up in your committee.

Sincerely,



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Testimony on HB 234

Date Sent: 3/4/8/98 No. of Pages Including Cover Sheet: 2

Thank You,

Tammy Renee' Hall
Information Assistant

HB 234

TO SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Please pass HB 234 so that the good people of Alaska may know that so vital an issue as health care or medical funding will know that priority is being given to real health care needs. As abortion is NOT a health care need, ABORTION is a CHOICE.

Thank you for your time and the hard work and long hrs. you are putting in for us.

Respectfully,

Russell Bowdler

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April 1, 1998

For submission as TESTIMONY at Hearing, Wednesday, April 8, Senate Finance Committee

Attn.: Robin Taylor, Chair, Alaska State Senate Finance Committee.
Alaska State Senate, Juneau Alaska
Please share w/ committee members: Drue Pearce, Mike Miller, Sean Parnell, Johnny Ellis)

RE: CSHB 234: Funding for abortion under General Relief Medical
- Intentionally eliminates funding for abortions under GRM program by
placing it at the top of list of services to be cut when GRM is underfunded

Dear Senators,

I strongly urge you to oppose this amendment. This bill will undermine the constitutionally protected rights of women and endanger their health! It unjustly eliminates the only source of public funding for abortions for poor women. If passed, this policy will be costly and unconstitutional.

Furthermore, the damage from such a funding cut would have far-reaching repercussions:

- ◆ Research done in 1993 by the Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI) showed that for every \$1 spent by government to pay for abortions for poor women, about \$4 is saved in public medical and welfare expenditures incurred as a result of the unintended birth. This does not even include the cost of raising that child!
- ◆ Unwanted childbearing has been linked with costly consequences for communities, families, children and the state.
Unwanted children:
 - experience more mental handicaps and are twice as likely to receive psychiatric care at government expense;
 - are more than twice as likely as wanted children to have a record of juvenile delinquency;
 - are six times more likely to receive some form of welfare between the ages of 16 and 21;
 - are at increased risk of suffering physical/sexual abuse, hunger and neglect, abandonment and removal to foster homes or institutions.
- ◆ The Alaska Supreme Court has found that reproductive rights are fundamental, and that they are encompassed in the right to privacy found in the Alaska Constitution. State restrictions on public funding for abortion make it difficult and often impossible for poor women to exercise their constitutional right to safe and legal abortion.
- ◆ Passage of this bill will surely lead to another costly, and losing, legal battle for the State.

You are deluding yourselves if you believe that cutting abortion funding is a handy way to save money! Forcing women to bear unwanted children AT STATE EXPENSE represents at least a tenfold increase in cost. The cost to women's lives and health cannot even be quantified!

This bill is both sexist - in that only wealthy women will be free to exercise their rights to control their fertility - and sexist! As President of the Fairbanks Coalition For Choice, representing several thousand pro-choice voters in the Fairbanks area, I urge you to oppose CSIB 234.

Sincerely,

CC - All Senators



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name

committee on HB 234, dated 4-15-98.
bill/ subject

I would like to go on record stating that I would vote on and promote HB 234 to pass.

Not only am I against abortion, but I am emphatically also against tax dollars aiding such an event.

Generally speaking - I believe not only is it wrong - but it contributes to the problem of promiscuity among our youth.

There has to be a better way to handle this situation beside putting to death so many innocent lives.

Signed:

Joe E. McBride
Testifier
myself
Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name
 committee on HB234, dated 4-15-98
bill/ subject

Please pass this Bill. I am against the State paying for abortions. In this time of belt tightening and shrinking funds it makes no sense for the state to pay for a procedure that many people feel is morally wrong and anyone who has intelligently investigated the matter knows ends a human life.

The Republican Party of Alaska Platform (drafted by over 500 people) takes a stand against State funding for abortion.

I came to my LIO to testify this morning but was told the ~~Bill~~ committee would not be hearing testimony.

Signed: Delrad Justice
Testifier
Republican Party of Alaska
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April 14, 1998

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Senator Ellis
Senator Ward
Senator Taylor
Senator Wilken

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RE: Assisted Living Facility SB 321

Governor Knowles has placed funds in the 1998 capital budget for an Assisted Living Facility to be located in Dillingham. The Dillingham Chamber of Commerce fully supports this project.

Many of our local elders and disabled residents must leave their home and families and move to Anchorage for personal care. Governor Knowles has made a commitment to establish a facility locally that would support our elders and community members.

Your support in this budgeted project is strongly recommended. The Dillingham Chamber of Commerce thanks you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Julie Woodworth
Chamber Vice President

SB 321





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April 14, 1998

Senate Finance

- Senator Halford
- Senator Wilken
- Senator Phillips
- Senator Taylor
- Senator Togerson

RE: Senate Bill 36

This letter is to encourage your support in voting "NO" on Senate Bill 36. This bill would have severe detrimental effects to rural Alaska.

Besides the obvious effects of decreased funding for curriculum, teachers, and school maintenance, this bill affects businesses in rural communities, health and welfare, and the investment in our future. No one disputes the need for additional funding for urban schools, we question only the wisdom in obtaining this funding from current under-funded schools. We continue to strive to bridge the gap between urban and rural communities in Alaska, as we depend on each other for the successful future of the State. This bill would eliminate progress made to become a more unified state.

The Dillingham Chamber of Commerce relies on your sound judgment, and wisdom to vote "NO" on Senate Bill 36. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Julie Woodworth
Chamber Vice President



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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SJR 42
 committee on MARRIAGE, dated 11-1-98
 bill/ subject

I AM FOR S.J.R. 42, I PRAY YOU WILL LET THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA DECIDE ON THIS ISSUE. WE SHOULD ALL LOVE AND BE CONCERNED FOR HOMOSEXUAL PEOPLE. THIS DECISION SHOULD BE MADE BY THE VOTERS. OUR LAWS WERE BASED ON THE BIBLE, WHY SHOULD WE DEPART FROM THE OUR FOUNDING FATHERS. THE BIBLE IS VERY EXPLICIT ON MARRIAGE. GOD CREATED MAN AND WHEN GOD WANTED A PARTNER FOR ADAM, HE DID NOT CREATE ANOTHER MAN FOR A PARTNER BUT CREATED A WOMAN. THE BIBLE SPEAKS VERY EXPLICIT ON THE HOMOSEXUAL ISSUE. I PRAY YOU WILL SEE FIT TO LET US THE VOTERS DECIDE ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

Signed:

Mark L. Stevens

Testifier

Self

Representing (Optional)

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Judiciary Committee

committee on SJR No. 22 Amendment, dated Nov 10-98

bill/ subject

*I strongly support
this bill in order that homosexuals are not permitted
to marry in Alaska. Marriages are between one man and one woman.
The Word of God, our guide for living, the Bible states that it is an
"abomination" and punishable by death. Families are definitely
1 man and 1 woman. Let's keep our state clean and not support
perverted life styles. Even the Republican platform states a vote "yes"
against ~~this~~ ~~bill~~ homosexual marriage to be recognized.*

Signed:

Duby Davis

Testifier

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Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate FINANCE
 committee on SJR 42, dated 4-1-78.
 bill/ subject committee name

I strongly support SJR 42 to recognize in the state of Alaska that a marriage may exist only between one man and one woman.

Signed:

Joe McBride
 Testifier

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Senate Finance
committee name
 committee on SJR42, dated 4-1-98
bill/ subject

I urge you to pass SJR42 immediately.
 The platform of the Republican Party of Alaska opposes same sex. Putting this amendment on the ballot and letting the people of Alaska decide, is the ONLY fiscally prudent thing to do. Lets not spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to let one unaccountable judge decide something that the people of Alaska have every right to decide. I am confident that this amendment would pass if put before the people. But if it does not I would be willing to live with that if it is the will of the people.

Pass SJR42.

Signed:

Debra J. Johnson, Chairwoman
Testifier

Republican Party of Alaska, District 35
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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the SSR 42
 committee name
 committee on _____, dated 4-1-93
 bill/ subject

*I am sorry that you have to consider this bill.
 But since you must. Please vote in favor of SSR 42.
 I support the bill.*

Signed:

[Signature]
 Testifier

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March 30, 1998

Senator Loren Leman:

I am opposed to SJR 42. What do you believe this bill would serve now that the Senate has unanimously approved SJR 25, which urges a speedy appeal of the Brause-Doogan case? Since the courts have already been requested to resolve this matter, what do you think will be gained from legislative action on this issue at this time? Why do you support and push for SJR-42, when it only violates both privacy rights and the inherent equal rights of all citizens of the state of Alaska? Please respond to my specific questions should you take these questions seriously. But more importantly, please consider why I am opposed to your bill.

I am opposed to SJR 42. I believe marriage is an important personal choice and a basic human right. The decision to get married should belong to the couple in love, not the state. It is important that people make real commitments to each other and in doing so receive legal protections, benefits, and responsibilities which make for a healthy society. It does not matter which people make this incredible commitment. It should not matter *who* you "love", but *that* you "love." By "love" I mean real commitment which leads to families, communities, children being raised, people taking care of each other in their old age. None of this is dependent on gender. It is simply human. Marriage is a human choice and right, which betters our society, and includes all humans.

My sister is gay. She and all of us in her family have known this at one level or another all of our lives. We all support and love her. She is my mentor and friend. Being a lesbian has never threatened any of us in her family or any of her friends. Her lifestyle is no different than mine. And just as my parents never discussed or showed us their sex lives, so her sex life is as private as mine or any other heterosexual or non-heterosexual person.

My best friend from age 6 to about 12 I now find is gay. He has ruined no one's life in his lifetime. His upbringing was very similar to mine. I have no fear of him or his lifestyle, just as he has no fear of mine. We would never define each other by our private lives.

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The man I thought I would marry 25 years ago killed himself, leaving no reason and years of pain for all of us left behind. Only after 15 years, did his last letter home surface, stating that he was gay, and that there was more to fear from the fear of homosexuality than from homosexuality. He felt he could not live in a world that did not offer him rights to be himself, and could not ask for help. I often wonder if brave legislation stripping the prejudices and barriers gay people used to face since that point 25 years ago could not have held him in a safer world. He died too young.

Legislation such as yours and conservative response in support of it both dwell and feed on fear of our sisters, our brothers, our neighbors and best friends, our co-workers and people we know and care about as humans. Gay and lesbian people need our continued support in the human rights department, not more barriers to it.

In this lifetime we have a chance as neighbors, as teachers, and certainly as legislators to make life better for each other. If we choose to ostracize those who are different in their choice of partners, or in their religion, or in their color, or in their abilities, then we have not used our energies to make this a better world. To be able to get married, to have the commitment legally recognized, and to receive simple rights for children, belongings, old age, decisions about death, must be for all. Don't fool yourself into believing that only some should benefit, and that those fortunate ones have some sort of condoned sex lives!

I feel sorry for those who say they don't know anyone who's gay. First of all, it could never be true, for we work with many, we raise many, we adore and applaud many who we will never know are gay, because it is not possible for many to be open with their sexuality if it is not the visible norm. But if you once come to realize that someone you really care about, or do respect, is gay, it can only give you compassion, and make you look harder at your own unfaced prejudices. This life is to learn about loving your neighbor as yourself, and a good number of those finest neighbors are not heterosexual. You must speak out and help with their rights, for all human rights, and drop SJR 42.

Sincerely,

M. Kate Boesser

cc: All Alaska Legislators

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March 31, 1998

State of Alaska
Senate and House Legislators
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RE: SJR 42

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing out of concern for the above-mentioned bill SJR 42. Senator Loren Lemman has introduced a bill that would adversely affect a large segment of our population - both same-gender couples and their families and friends. I am very concerned about this trend toward bigotry and hatred. By passing a bill that would actually change our existing Alaskan constitution in an effort to practice discrimination and personal bias, I feel the House and Senate would take a giant step backwards for our great state of Alaska.

The decision upheld by Judge Michalski earlier this month that same gender-couples should not be denied the constitutional right of marriage was fair and just. This would do absolutely nothing to undermine or affect the legitimacy of heterosexual marriages, and any such debate only fosters ignorance and fear. Same-gender couples should be allowed access to things such as health benefits, inheritance rights, medical decision making, hospital visitation, burial rights, bereavement leave, immigration, joint tax returns, survivor's benefits and divorce protection.

It is the height of hypocrisy to serve a government that celebrates freedom and equality while working towards such a bigoted and restrictive law. What group will be targeted next? I am a heterosexual person with many friends and loved ones who are in long term same-gender relationships, and it is out of concern for their personal rights as outlined in our state constitution, as well as all citizen's personal rights in matters of judicial equality, that I urge you to **STRONGLY OBJECT** to such a bill.

Sincerely,

Cheri Lowe

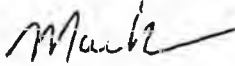
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March 31, 1998

TO: Senator Wilken

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RE: SJR 42

Please consider voting against SJR 42. I think it is bad public policy to put our State Constitution in the middle of a complex issue. This initiative is premature since the Courts have yet to review the matter. Why do some things get gridlocked and others get fast-tracked? There are many more pressing issues to be debated and resolved, for example, Subsistence or funding Education. By voting against SJR 42, you will send a message to the voters that you will not be "morally" intimidated into making bad public policy.

cc: all Alaska Legislators