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Regarding:

Re SJR-42+ your dread of hearing testimony

Senate Finance members,

At the Tuesday Finance meeting, you all expressed dread for hearing testimony on SJR-42 (constitutional amendment re marriage).

Please, think about how little you look forward to just a few hours of testimony. Then think of the whole state bombarded by that debate for 8 long months if you pass this bill.

Save Alaska from ballot campaigns on SJR-42. Leave it in the courts for now. Think how awful months ahead will be unless you vote no.

Sara Boesser

F A X M E S S A G E

FAX NO: 465-2070

FROM: *Phil Meeks*  
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3-24-98

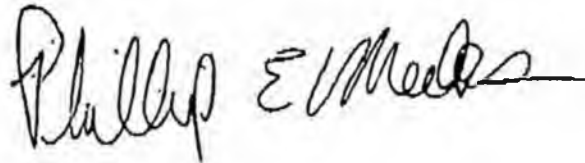
TO: Sen. Bert Sharp  
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Thank you.



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

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**Subject:** Bills  
**From:** fsjbt@aurora.alaska.edu (TROUT JO B) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 4:40 PM  
**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 Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
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**cc:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
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**To:** Senator\_Sean\_Pamell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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I am in support of bills SJR 37 and SJR 42!

Jo Brett

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*Sandra Meeks*

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**Subject:** lhgroff: Supporting Senate Joint Resolution 42

**From:** lhgroff@juno.com (Leon H Groff) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 5:04 PM

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

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Dear Senator Pearce:

How would you like to hear that your child was being taught in school by a homosexual or lesbian teacher? It is happening across the U.S., the Nation that WAS founded on godly principles, all the time. God calls Sodomy sin, and deals with it severely. We are to LOVE the SINNER and HATE the SIN. By passing the Homosexual "Marriage", we are casting God's judgement on our nation just like Sodom and Gomorrah, because God is a righteous God and will not tolerate sin and neither should we! Therefore, I very strongly support SJR 42.

Sincerely,

Kim Groff

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**Subject:** SJR 37 and SJR42

**From:** tbosela@alaska.net (Tony Bosela) at CC2MHS1 03/22/96 11:49 AM

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

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

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

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

**To:** Sentor\_Drue\_Pearce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Please support SJR37 and SJR42. Thank you.  
Carolyn Bosela  
Sterling, AK

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**Subject:** Re: Hearing On Homosexual "Marriage" Scheduled For Tuesday  
**From:** merwinak@alaska.net (Michael D. Erwin) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 6:39 PM  
**To:** Senator Dave Donley at LAA\_SDON  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator\_AI\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Gentelmen,

I support SJR 42, the amendment that defines marriage as a union that can be entered into only by "one man and one woman." I earnestly hope that Alaska never allows same sex marriages. What a disgrace it would be, to be from a state that allows this to happen, and to possibly be the first state to do so. Please support SJR 42.

Sincerely,

Amy Wall Erwin  
Anchorage, Alaska

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

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**Subject:** SJR 37&42

**From:** JMarrs58@aol.com at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 1:37 AM

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

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Please support and vote for SJR 37&42. Thankyou. Jim Marrs

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42/SJR 37

**From:** dunham1@juno.com (Calvin Dunham) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 9:43 PM

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

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Thirty years ago no one would have considered marriage anything other than a man and a woman. In fact, until very recently it was taken for granted that marriage referred to a man and a woman. I feel the homosexual activists will continue to push us as far as they can, and it is time to say NO to them. They won't be satisfied with homosexual "marriage." What will they want next? It could be making us believe pedophiles are "normal" and those who know it is wrong are simply uneducated. Please consider the ramifications of same sex marriage. I urge you to vote for SJR 42.

Parental consent before a minor can have an abortion is critical. Why is it that minors cannot have their bodies pierced without parental consent and that never seems to be up for discussion? However, a girl can have an abortion without parents knowing about it. Abortions can and are botched in "legal" clinics, girls die, become sterile, to say nothing of the emotional damage that occurs. Please have the courage to vote for SJR 37.

Sincerely,  
Frances J. Dunham

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**Subject:** Support SJR 37 and SJR 42

**From:** joycem@galenaalaska.org (Mark & Joyce Moldenhauer) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 11:12 PM

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

**To:** Senator Lyman Hoffman at LAA\_CAP

**To:** Senator Johnny Ellis at LAA\_TRANS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**To:** senator\_al\_adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**To:** senator\_jerry\_mackie@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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I ask for your support of both SJR37 (proposed constitutional amendment to protect our present Alaska law requiring parental consent before a minor receives an abortion); and SJR42 (proposed constitutional amendment to define marriage as a union entered into by one man & one woman).

The reason you have not heard from the majority of Alaskans that support these two resolutions is most likely because these two items passed as laws in last years session with grrreat support (we're, also, building homes, going to work, and raising families) . We felt they should have stood firm (they've been legal for more than 200 years of American history!)...however, as you know, opponents found a liberal judge (easy to find these days) to spew that "such laws are unconstitutional" and here we are...(I wonder what George & Abe would say about such heresy).

Now I hear that the "pro aborts" and "pro same sexers" are showing up to defeat the joint resolutions; and even Republican Senators are being swayed by them. Whether republican or democrat, I hope and pray you will search your own heart for what is right and good in these matters. A "no" vote on these SJR's would join many in this country taking a giant leap backwards to the days of Sodom and even the Roman empire (who's nation fell because of it's support for such lasciviousness). If these two resolutions fail and the pedophiles come along in numbers (who prefer our children for their sexual objects) would you support them too? You might say thats absurd or off track; but don't be fooled; they are already pushing for legislation in their favor in this country. God help us!

Please support our heritage, our parental authority, and our nation's future...support SJR37 and SJR42.

signed,

one man & one woman, with 3 children...

Mark & Joyce Moldenhauer

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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Subject: Homosexual marriage

From: jandrull@alaska.net (james r. andrulli) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 6:50 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA

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Dear Mr. Sharp,

The traditional family and the home are the basic institutions of civilization.

Scientific research proves that children grow to maturity best in that environment.

It is from within the family that morals and the traditions of the culture are learned

and then carried forward to the next generation. If the families are good then the

society will be good. Without traditional families, civilizations wither and die.

Traditional families cultivate selflessness, self-discipline, chastity, self-denial,

charity, self-sacrifice, faith, hope, and so on.

Homosexual behavior and activities decay the family institution and the ethical

morality of civilization. The homosexual lifestyle is defined by immoral, promiscuous

sex with multiple partners. Because of this behavior, homosexuals have increased

incidences of all STDs, including AIDs, Hepatitis A,B, and C, and "Gay men bowel

disease" which is a group of gastrointestinal diseases that only homosexual men get due

to their unnatural sexual practices. Homosexuals also have higher rates of alcohol and

drug abuse, depression, and suicide than the general population.

According to research done by Larry Kramer, a well known homosexual activist, even

before the AIDs epidemic, the homosexual community was sick and dying with the average

age of death being 42 years of age. Since Aids, that average has dropped to age 39.

For female homosexuals, the median age of death was found to be 45.

Long term relationships between homosexuals are the exception rather than the rule.

Most relationships tend to be shallow, superficial, and based on "puppy love" rather

than real love. The average relationship lasts from one and one-half to three years

with about half of the partners being unfaithful during that time. Andrew Sullivan, a

"gay Catholic" admits that homosexuals are more accepting of open marriages.

Homosexuals may wrap their motivation for marriage in such rhetoric as rights,

compassion, tolerance, and love but in reality they seek to completely redefine,

undermine, and destroy the marriage institution as we know it.

Promotion of homosexuality by the state will not only increase public health

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expenditures to combat the many diseases spread by the behavior but will also cause a financial burden on the family when homosexuals seek financial rights and privileges that married couples now have. The state definitely has a compelling interest in banning such marriages.

Sincerely,

James R. Andrulli  
3815 Tanada Rd.  
North Pole, AK 99705

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cc:Mail for: Senator Bert Sharp

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Subject: Same-sex marriages

From: hooter@alaska.net at CC2MHS1 03/18/98 7:21 PM

To: Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA

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Dear Senator Sharp:

I am a 35-year-old, politically active, heterosexual, conservative Republican. What I read in the press lately regarding the same-sex marriage issue has me very dismayed. I think some of our lawmakers, and Senator Leman in particular, have lost sight of the forest for the trees, and Republicans in Juneau might be very surprised to hear the thoughts on this issue from a John Q. Public conservative like myself. My thoughts:

Any 1990's conservative worthy of the label is at heart a libertarian. Nothing is more fundamental to Reagan era conservatism than the sanctity of the Constitution and the Jeffersonian premise of the least possible government intrusion into our individual lives and liberties. Although as a practicing Christian I do not personally condone homosexual behavior, one \*cannot\* legally restrict it without trampling on the rights enjoyed by every U.S. citizen as codified in the U.S. Constitution. Among the most fundamental human rights, certainly, is the right to choose one's own mate and enjoy all the benefits of binding married union. Any two people who choose to truly commit to one another for life seem to me to be far better role models than a George Jacko, for example.

I should also mention that perverse though homosexual behavior may be, it is certainly less so than the perversions indulged in by a good many heterosexuals in positions of power and influence in this state and elsewhere. If homosexual sex is perverse, it is hardly alone, even in Juneau. The fact remains that to paint same-sex unions as the death-knell of the American family is ludicrous on its face. There are far worse threats to families and family ethics than a handful of gay couples. To hold up male-female marriages as paragons of virtue simply because they're male-female is equally ludicrous (two words: Packwood and Clinton). What is \*not\* ludicrous is the parallel I see in Senator Leman's bill to the Nurembury Laws of 1932. The fact remains that an attack on the basic rights of any one class of people is an attack on all classes.

More to the point, Article IV, Section 1 of the Contitution of the United States is quite clear: "Full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts...of every other state." Marriage is just such a public act - a publically-proclaimed union between two people which is witnessed by the State - and has never fallen under any other type of law. Like it or not, any attempt to restrict the rights and benefits of marriage against homosexuals is doomed to fail the very moment any other state grants recognition to same-sex marriages (Hawaii leaps to mind). Anyone who has eyes to see and a brain to think \*must\* acknowledge that that event is not a long time in coming, and when it does, all the draconian state legislation imaginable will not alter Article IV, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution. Further, repeal or amendment of that Article is similarly unrealistic, which is to say, it's just not going to happen.

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That being the case, I consider it a serious abrogation of responsibility to the taxpayers to lend support to any such grandstanding legislation, frittering away current and future public resources on an unwinnable fight, particularly when there are so many other, more dire issues at hand.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to not waste my time and money supporting Senator Leman's proposed unenforceable legislation restricting the right of any Alaska resident to marry any Alaska resident.

This is 1998, not 1898, and we're Alaskans, not Victorians - let's pull our heads out and stick to the State's real business, none of which you'll find in people's bedrooms.

J.D. Stewart  
Ardent and Vocal Voter

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

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**Subject:** SJR 37 & SJR 42

**From:** ajc12@concentric.net at CC2MHS1 03/18/98 11:14 PM

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

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Please support SJR 37 to require parental involvement and permission for teenage girls to have an abortion. This is such a monumental decision for a young girl to make and she needs to have the support and understanding of her family, not some organization pushing abortion down her throat. She needs to realize there are other choices than abortion.

Also, please support SJR 42 to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. This is a fundamental law of nature and civilization and legitimizing homosexual unions will undermine the very network of our society. Sincerely, Ms. A. J. Clark

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

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**Subject:** Marriage Amendment

**From:** ahippler@mtaonline.net (Arthur E Hippler) at CC2MHS1 03/18/98 2:59 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SJR42, which would define marriage as a union which can be entered into only by one man and one woman, deserves your full support and it certainly has ours.

If an individual desires to maintain an unconventional relationship there is nothing in this bill which would prevent that. But what is prevented is pretending that homosexual or other irregular unions are the same for legal purposes as the one man one woman marriage.

There is no legitimate reason for extending legal protections rights and obligations to those whose very actions deny the unique validity of marriage.

Yes, we have every right to deny that which nature denies. There is no way in which the union of two members of the same sex can produce children which is the fundamental purpose of marriage, however often some individuals abuse this relationship. Society has every right to protect itself against regularizing that form of perversity which has been the destruction of so many societies and individuals.

I use the term perversity advisedly. It is a perversion of nature to ejaculate semen into an anus, an oral cavity or indeed anywhere else than in a vagina. At one time it was well understood in psychoanalytic circles that homosexuality was indeed a perversion of the love object.

As an academic anthropologist who was intimately involved with the psychoanalytic community I was well aware of the contempt in which the Psychiatrists were held who permitted their meetings to be invaded by perverts into denying the emotional disorder connected with homosexuality.

By permitting homosexual unions to same status as regular marriages, we put a seal of approval on perversion and provide no buffer between children and others of lesser mental and moral capacity who will then be preyed upon by homosexuals.

The self-chosen term for many homosexuals is "queer". That is a blatant and defacto recognition on their own part of the imbalance in their actions.

Make no mistake. It is actions we oppose. One may feel predisposed to any on a number of evils; that does not condemn us. If we act on our evil impulses we are properly condemned.

Do not fall for the hoary old chestnut that such a law would be

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"prejudiced" or bigoted. The hallmark of maturity is the capacity precisely to discriminate between the good and the bad. It is not bigotry to try to defend civilization from its enemies.

Sincerely  
Arthur E Hipper

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

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**Subject:** Senate Joint Resolution 42

**From:** mparker@customcpu.com (Marge Parker) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 2:54 PM

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

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Dear Senator,

I would like to voice my strong support for the "traditional marriage" definition being added as an amendment to our Alaska State Constitution. This is an integral part of the normal family unit in western society. This unit is where children can be nurtured by a parent of each sex and deprives no one of their rights. It is not an issue of sexuality but one of family.

Homosexuals are not prevented by law from practicing their peculiar forms of sexual relations. That "right" they have. If homosexual marriage is legally recognized in Alaska, a "Pandora's Box" will be opened which will have to include such things as plural marriages. Imagine the employer who has to provide health care for a worker with 3 wives and 20 children.

Any casual political observer can see this thinly veiled smokescreen sponsored by the homosexual lobby to force society to validate the "normalcy" of their chosen method of sexual expression. I will not do that personally and will never support any political group or individual who does.

Sincerely,  
David L. Parker

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

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**Subject:** Support for SJR 42

**From:** kwinslow@xyz.net (Winslow's) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 6:04 PM

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

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

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I am strongly opposed to Same Sex Marriages, these are not marriages at all. Marriage is defined as the Union of a man and a woman in Holy Matrimony.

Please pass the SJR42 in order to define marriage in Alaska Law as the union that can be entered into only by "One man and one woman"

Thank you very much,

Kimberly Winslow

P.O. Box 15073  
Fritz Creek, AK 99603  
(907)235-6228

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** dogpak@alaska.net (Mark Robitaille) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 4:56 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

**To:** Senator\_Drew\_Pearce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**cc:** sharpshooter@bigfoot.com at CC2MHS1

**cc:** sharpshooter@hotmail.com at CC2MHS1

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I strongly urge you to support SJR 42.

It is important that the State Constitution be amended by restricting the definition of marriage to "a union that can be entered into only by one man and one woman."

Thank You,

Mark E. Robitaille

Kenny Lake

HC 60, Box 329R Copper Center, AK 99573

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** trevys@alaska.net (Greg Trevithick) at CC2MHS1 03/21/98 5:18 PM

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

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I am sending you this message to urge you to please vote YES in support of Senate Joint Resolution 42. Thank you.  
Greg Trevithick

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** jeanette\_57@hotmail.com (jeanette morris) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 11:56 PM

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

**To:** Senator\_Drue\_Pearce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator,

I implore you to please consider carefully the decision you are about to face. Allowing homosexuals to be considered legally married is an insult to the sanctity of marriage. It is a mockery to those of us who still consider marriage holy and sacred. Marriage is meant only for one man and one woman. To allow same-sex marriages is to completely ignore the God given design for marriage. Look at nature, and you will see that it is unnatural for two men, or two women to spend their lives together as "mates". Have we, the United States, a Christian nation, gotten so far away from our Christian beliefs that we would allow such an atrocity to occur? Please do not insult me, and the thousands of other real married couples by allowing this to become legal. Please consider that which is morally right when you cast your vote. Don't allow this to happen. Let's not allow ourselves to be bulldozed into a wrong decision by those who are trying to push this through on the coattails of what has been legalized in Hawaii. Please remember all of us who want to preserve the home and our families. Thank you for your time,

Jeanette Morse  
Delta Junction

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** rporter@ptialaska.net (Rick Porter) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 10:58 PM

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

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

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

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

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Good morning. We are notifying you, as a member of the Finance Committee, that we support SJR 42 regarding the constitutional amendment on the definition of marriage. We do not want to see our state endorsing homosexual marriage. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Rick and Nancy Porter

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** explor@ptialaska.net (Dale Anderson) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 5:53 AM

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

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Good Morning Senator... I STRONGLY urge you to support SJR 42 when it comes time to let your vote and voice count in the Finance Committee hearing on Tuesday. Thank you for all your time and hard work on behalf of the people of Alaska! It is appreciated... Dale Anderson

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**Subject:** SJR 42

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Jeanette Morse  
Delta Junction

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**Subject:** SJR37 and SJR42

**From:** mikestearns@email.msn.com (Mike Stearns) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 4:04 PM

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

**To:** Senator\_AI\_Ada.ns@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

**To:** Senator\_Johnny\_Ellis@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**To:** Senator\_Lyman\_Hoffman@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**To:** Senator\_Georgianna\_Lincoln@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**To:** Senator\_Jerry\_Mackie@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**To:** Senator\_Drue\_Pearce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**To:** Senator\_Randy\_Phillips@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**To:** Senator\_John\_Torgerson@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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

**To:** Senator\_Sean\_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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I am writing to inform you of my support for SJR37 and SJR42.

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

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**Subject:** SJR-42

**From:** saint1@juno.com at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 2:26 PM

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

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

**cc:** Representative Eldon Muldor at LAA\_TRANS

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

**cc:** Representative Gail Phillips at LAA\_CAP

**cc:** Representative Norman Rokeberg at LAA\_TRANS

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

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

**cc:** senator\_al\_adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**cc:** senator\_dave\_donley@legid.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**cc:** Tony\_Knowles@gov.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**cc:** senator\_dure\_pearce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

**cc:** Fran\_Ulmør@gov.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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In my opinion this should have died before it was ever put before the legislative body.

It is a waste of money, and time for the state. We have a shortage of money as the oil prices go down, so therefore it is waste full.

My instructions as a you person and also as I,ve grown older.

The GOOD BOOK says a man will not take another man as a woman. How much planner can you get? Of course if you do not believe in GOD then I believe you as an individual are a lost soul.

I want to impress upon you as leaders of the state to egnore this "Garbage" that is before your body of rules and laws.

Why does Alaska have to be the only state that would allow this to be? We would have more undesirables than we need. It seems as though we have a full quote of that kind of person's in this State already.

Please be advised that I as a citizen, and God fearing man, can not press upon your committee strong enough to VOTE THIS SJR-42 DOWN.

Thank you for your attention and consideration on the above subject.

Sincerely

James F. Watfor

Katherine E Watford

E-mail saint1@juno.com

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

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**Subject:** Senate Joint Resolution 42

**From:** explor@ptialaska.net (Dale Anderson) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 6:34 AM

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

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Dear Senator Sharp:

Please support SJR 42 when it comes to the Senate Finance Committee on Tuesday.

Thank you very much for your good work.

Sincerely, Honey Bee Anderson

honeybee@ptialaska.net

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

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**Subject:** SJR 37 and SJR 42

**From:** spiersj@wainwright-emh1.army.mil (BRAC Env COOR (Spiers; James)) at CC2... 05/23/98 1:15 PM

**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** Senator Dave Donley at LAA\_SDON  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Georgianna Lincoln at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Jerry Mackie at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Jerry Ward at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator\_AI\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Gary\_Wilkin@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
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**To:** Senator\_Loren\_Leman@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Lyda\_Green@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
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**To:** Senator\_Rick\_Halford@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Robin\_Taylor@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Seán\_Parnell@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Tim\_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We would like to go on record as strongly supporting SJR 37 (a proposed constitutional amendment to protect Alaska's law requiring parental consent before a minor's abortion) and SJR 42 (a proposed constitutional amendment to define marriage as a union that can be entered into only by "one man and one woman." Please support these amendments.

James K. Spiers  
Julie J. Spiers

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

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**Subject:** Senate Joint Resolution 42 and Senate Joint Resolution 37  
**From:** lesa@ptialaska.net at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 11:15 AM  
**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  
**To:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
**To:** Senator Johnny Ellis at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Lyman Hoffman at LAA\_CAP  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** Senator\_Al\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Drue\_Pierce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_Loren\_Leman@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator:

I am writing to ask that you vote in support of the following resolutions:

Senate Joint Resolution 37----- Parental Consent for Abortions by Minors  
Senate Joint Resolution 42----- Prohibition of Constitutional Amendment  
allowing Same sex Marriages  
Thank you for voting to preserve family values.

Sincerely yours,

Lesia K. Newman  
Juneau, AK

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**Subject:** SJR-42, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the St  
**From:** Ric\_Plate@usa.net (Ric Plate) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 11:18 AM  
**bcc:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** @ at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator,

I am writing to urge you to SUPPORT SJR-42, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to marriage.

Marriage has always been between "one man and one woman" and should be constitutionally protected. Alaska should not, nor ever, redefine marriage in any other way. The people of Alaska should be given the chance to vote on this issue.

Defining marriage as between "one man and one woman" in no way condemns gay people. Neither does it afford the benefits of marriage, nor should it. The gay activist seek to legitimize their activities through legislative changes but homosexual activities are wrong.

Thank you for your support and help. Please give the people the chance to vote on this issue.

Richard Plate  
Box 3874  
Soldotna, AK 99669

An active voter for more than 20 years.

Bill Text

Section 25. Marriage. To be valid or recognized in this State, a marriage may exist only between one man and one woman. No provision of this constitution may be interpreted to require the State to recognize or permit marriage between individuals of the same sex. Additional requirements related to marriage may be established to the extent permitted by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

\* Sec. 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be placed before the voters of the state at the next general election in conformity with art. XIII, sec. 1, Constitution of the State of Alaska, and the election laws of the state.

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** jimndeb2@juno.com (jim p pucket) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 8:59 AM

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

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

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

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

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

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

**cc:** Senator\_Al\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Sir:

My wife and I appreciate the hard work you have devoted to our community over the years. Your willingness to serve in our state government is not taken for granted.

Generally speaking we have been pleased with your stand on issues during your tenure as Senator. We hope that you will join in supporting SJR 42. It saddens us to even need to work for the passage of a constitutional amendment defining a marriage as "one man and one woman." We are disturbed that our society has declined to the point that what common sense tells us needs to be specified by government.

We look forward to your reply regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Jim and Debi Puckett

<jimndeb2@juno.com>

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** ejones@polarnet.com (Edwin E. Jones) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 3:02 PM

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

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

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

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> > > These laws have served us well for many years and as written can serve  
> > > us well long into the future. Already, many freedoms guaranteed by those  
> > > laws have been legislated away by the voices of minority, Special  
> > > Interest Groups, that do not want to abide by those Laws, but want to  
> > > force upon the General Populace, laws that give credence to abhorrent  
> > > behavior, legality to killing unborn babies, the worship of Man as  
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> > > parents and good role models?, probably not. But will they have a better  
> > > chance, living in the presence of sodomites who claim to be and may be  
> > > loving people but live a lifestyle that demeans family, because they can  
> > > never produce a family naturally. History itself has left us records and  
> > > no doubt warnings of the fall of societies that embraced this abhorrent  
> > > behavior. I have personally viewed the degradation evident in the  
> > > ruins of Pompeii, where Signs of male genitals hung outside doorways  
> > > Is that what is in the future of this Great State?, I hope not!!  
> > > I strongly support SJR 42 and urge the Alaska Legislature to pass this  
> > > resolution. Do not allow the further erosion of Decency in this Great  
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> > > Sincerely, Edwin E. Jones

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> > > Sincerely, Edwin E. Jones

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** KeithWinkle@compuserve.com (R. Keith Winkle) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 3:45 PM

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

**To:** Blind.Copy.Receiver@compuserve.com at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senator,

I would like to inform you of my support for SJR 42. Traditionally, marriage has been defined as a union between one man and one woman. That there have been occasional exceptions to this historically only seems to prove the rule. Historically benefits have been extended to spouses and their families so that the offspring of that union could be cared for by a parent at home while their health needs were met. If you really want to go down the slippery slope of extending benefits to whoever wants them, then take this problem on honestly and debate whether an employee can extend his benefits to a person of his choice.

Sincerely,

R. Keith Winkle

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** info@ancbt.org (ABT Web Site Administrator) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 4:38 PM

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

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

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

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

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

**To:** Senator\_Sean\_Parnall@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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

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I want to encourage you to support SJR-42. Thank you for your consideration.

Jerry Prevo

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** jaredd@usa.net (Jared Dougherty) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 4:53 PM

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

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

**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

**To:** senator\_al\_adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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I support SJR 42, that a marriage is a union by "one man and one woman." This is a very clear and obvious arrangement, both biologically and socially. It's been a functional reality of nesting robins, wolf packs and humans throughout history. The alternative is dysfunction, irrational and destructive to our social fabric.

Get a grip and refuse to legitimize and therefore give up moral and rational equivlence to aberrant behavior. At least try to keep our society on a level with the average loon or canada geese couple (who mate, male and female, for life and to raise young). Do the right thing and vote yes for SJR 42.

Dennis Dougherty  
2216 Penrose Lane  
Fairbanks Alaska, 99709

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

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**Subject:** Senate Joint Resolution 42

**From:** mvtaylor@alaska.net (Michael & Stephanie Taylor) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 4:41 PM

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

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Senator Sharp:

The Senate Finance Committee is scheduled to receive comments on SJR 42. We will be unable to attend the hearing, but we wanted to give you our comments. We firmly believe that "marriage" is the union (spiritual and legal) between 1 man and 1 woman. Many groups in the last 200 years have tried to redefine marriage. We were married in Alaska and do not want our union to be questioned in other states because Alaska allowed marriage to be redefined. Please consider our request and support SJR 42. We would like to have the opportunity to maintain the definition marriage. Your support for SJR 42 will allow all Alaska citizens to make their wishes known.

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** jaredd@usa.net (Jared Dougherty) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 4:56 PM

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

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

**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

**To:** senator\_al\_adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Please vote in support of SJR 42. In preparation for the anniversary of my marriage, I am asking you to honor the sanctity and definition of marriage as, and always as, the union between one man and one woman. Please do not allow the perversion of my and all marriage by changing what is natural, whether in mankind or what we observe in nature -- a male and female union.

Annie Dougherty  
2216 Penrose Lane  
Fairbanks Alaska, 99709

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

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**Subject:** Marriage Bill

**From:** jvhansen@juno.com at CC2MHS1 03/24/98 1:48 AM

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

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Jansy Hansen  
2170 Cascade St.  
Juneau, AK 99801  
E-Mail Address: jvhansen@juno.com

The Honorable Bert Sharp

Dear Bert Sharp:

Although I empathize with those who care for one another, I support the ban on same sex marriages because it is yet another weakening factor for the future of the American family.

Sincerely,

Jansy Hansen

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** jaredd@usa.net (Jared Dougherty) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 4:59 PM

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

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

**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

**To:** senator\_al\_adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Please vote in favor of SJR 42.

Jared Dougherty  
2216 Penrose Lane  
Fairbanks Alaska, 99709

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

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**Subject:** Re: Senate Joint Resolution 42  
**From:** kmkarlen@juno.com (Karen M Karlen) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 8:20 PM  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**cc:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**cc:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**cc:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
**cc:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
**cc:** Senator.\_Dave\_Donley@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**cc:** Senator\_Al\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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I would like to ask for your support for SJR 42 which defines marriage as a union that can be entered into ONLY by one man and one woman.

Thank you.

Karen Karlen  
830 - 5th Avenue  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

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

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**Subject:** SJR-42

**From:** beilfak@mtaonline.net (Beilfuss) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 7:17 PM

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

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I would like to encourage you to vote in favor of SJR-42 during the hearing scheduled for March 24. I feel we need this type of legislation to define marriage due to liberal decisions which are being handed down in our Alaskan courts as well as others across the nation. Thank you for your time in this matter. Randy Beilfuss - HC 85 Box 9361 - Eagle River, Ak 99577.

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

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**Subject:** SJR42

**From:** erwalker@alaska.net (ERLOW R. WALKER) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 11:43 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Honorable Senators,

Please vote to support the constitutional amendment to define marriage and the union of "one man and one woman." Homosexuality is wrong and we need to do all we can to discourage and end it. The people involved in homosexuality need to be loved, but the act is to be hated and acted against (love the sinner, hate the sin).

Thanks,

Brian Walker <><

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** kayare@ccnccentric.net (Ken Rosentrater) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 8:44 PM

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

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

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

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

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

**To:** Senator\_Drew\_Pearce@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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

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Senator:

This is to register with you my support of SJR 42. Please give it your serious consideration in the hearing taking place March 24.

Please remember that "family" and "marriage" are not self-defined by men and women according to their various choices, whims, and ideologies. Rather, they are defined by the One who created the institution in the first place. You cannot go to a higher or more authoritative source for the definition of anything than to the one who made/created it.

It is in the best interest of all to affirm as a society God's intention for marriage. It helps no one to attempt to creatively bypass His purposes, because in reality we cannot do that anyway. Ideas have consequences.

Please vote for the amendment.

Thank you,

Ken Rosentrater

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** mvoigt@polarnet.com (Mitch Voigt) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 9:35 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear Senator,

I am writing to voice my support for SJR 42. The future of our families, our state, and our country are at stake. What was wrong 100 years ago, is still wrong today. Please vote YES on this issue.

Sincerely,

Chuck Voigt  
2110 Goldstream Rd.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** mvoigt@polarnet.com (Mitch Voigt) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 9:30 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sincerely,

Pam Voigt  
2110 Goldstream Rd.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear Senator,

I am writing to voice my support for SJR 42. The future of our families, our state, and our country are at stake. What was wrong 100 years ago, is still wrong today. Please vote YES on this issue.

Sincerely,

Mitch Voigt  
2110 Goldstream Rd.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** mvoigt@polarnet.com (Mitch Voigt) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 9:35 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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Sincerely,

Matt Voigt  
2110 Goldstream Rd.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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Sincerely,

Julie Voigt  
575 Halvorsen Rd.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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**From:** mvoigt@polarnet.com (Mitch Voigt) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 9:37 PM

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

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

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Sincerely,

Rudy Voigt  
537 10th Ave.  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

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

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

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Sincerely,

Della Voigt  
537 10th Ave.  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

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Sincerely,

Bud Hilton  
575 Halvorsen Rd.  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

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**From:** mvoigt@prlarnet.com (Mitch Voigt) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 9:40 PM

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

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Sincerely,

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

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Dear Senator,

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Sincerely,

Travis Englund  
2550 Cushman St.  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** mvoigt@polarnet.com (Mitch Voigt) at CC2MHS1 03/23/98 9:43 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dear Senator,

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Sincerely,

Dalena Englund  
2550 Cushman St.  
Fairbanks, AK 99701

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** AKSAMSPADE@aol.com at CC2MHS1 03/24/98 3:29 AM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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We support SJR 42, and urge you to support it also.

Thank you,  
Ella J. and E. Louie Rogers  
P. O. Box 210486  
Auke Bay, Ak. 99821

# Letter of Opposition

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** cindyl@corecom.net (Cindy Lelake) at CC2MHS1 03/30/98 5:00 AM

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

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Dear Senator Sharp:

Please work to keep SJR 42 from becoming a constitutional ammendment. It needs to be settled in the courts where it belongs.

Cindy Lelake

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** pipimlr@alaska.net (irene miller) at CC2MHS1 03/31/98 9:21 AM

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

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Senator,

This is just a note to let you know that there are people in smaller communities that oppose Sjr 42. The Constitution is a sacred trust.

Please leave it alone. Patrice Huettl

P.O. Box 1055

Petersburg, AK

(907)772-9313

Michael J. Jones  
P.O. Box 6185  
Sitka, Alaska 99835

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

March 14, 1998

Dear Mr. Sharp:

This letter serves to express my opposition to SJR-42 -- a proposed amendment to the Alaska constitution regulating marriage, and I urge you to pay attention to the words and opinions of the majority of Alaskans who also have spoken out in opposition to the measure.

The concept of marriage does connote spiritual, social, and economic union -- a union and a bond that can develop and mature between any two people without regard to gender. The related resolution approved by the full senate earlier this week (SCR 25) goes on to say that because marriage is an independently quantifiable good, it must be preserved without regard to religious belief.

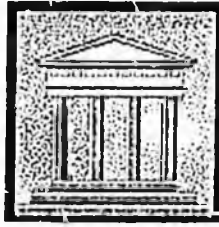
Marriage should be preserved, protected, and respected. However, with the exception of arguments based on religious foundations, there is no reason why the right to marry should become a right made exclusive in constitution of the State of Alaska.

A strong majority of Alaskans understands and agrees that SJR-42 serves only to exclude and hurt a valid and valued segment of the state's population. This majority of the population understands and agrees that this proposed amendment to the Alaska constitution serves to regulate and invade the freedoms of choice and the rights to privacy of ALL Alaskans.

Remember that lawmakers are servants of the public. Listen to the voices that put you in office and vote against SJR-42.

Sincerely,  
Michael Jones

# Fairbanks Legislative Information Office



To: Sen Sharp / Co-Ch Sen Finance Fax: 465-2187 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: please copy & distribute to all senate finance  
committee members

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3/24/98

*Attn. all Alaska Senators*

State Capitol,

Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182.

Dear Senators,

I urge you to oppose SJR 42, which would amend the state constitution to narrowly define the marriage contract as only valid if between a man and a woman and which would invalidate commitments between people of the same gender.

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

I understand that some of you have trouble with the very concept of homosexuality - and to those of you who do - please realize that you are overlooking the fact that a marriage is far MORE than mere sex!! A marriage is about commitment, about LOVE - about openly accepting responsibility for another person - in front of family, friends, the community, God and everyone. Surely, many of you are more comfortable among people of your same gender; and you can probably think of people of the same gender (including relatives) of whom you could say you feel fondness (perhaps love?). It may be cliché, but love knows no bounds... I fail to see how it is in the interests of the State to interfere with the acceptance of such personal responsibility. This resolution is a blatant attempt to discriminate against the committed gay couples in our communities.

In response to the argument that acceptance of same-gender couples is "undermining the integrity of the family" - you should really be looking at the refusal of heterosexual men to accept that very responsibility you are trying to impede with this bill. The breakdown of the family has far more to do with older men having sex with much younger girls, then abandoning their offspring - WITH NO NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS from society (heck, THAT's not illegal, is it!). Stop trying to shift the blame away from the truly culpable, and please stop trying to scapegoat those who are different from yourselves.

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

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

*Please respond!  
- what purpose/benefit  
does this bill provide??*

Sincerely,



Lisa Peñalver

CC: All Alaska Legislators

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

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**Subject:** Against SJR 42  
**From:** kailing@mosquitonet.com at CC2MHS1 03/30/98 7:36 AM  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**cc:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**cc:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**cc:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
**cc:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
**cc:** Senator Dave Donley at LAA\_SDON  
**cc:** Senator\_AI\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Finance Committee Senators,

Thank you for allowing us to be heard at the subcommittee hearing.

This is an important issue for me and my family. Our wonderful daughter came out to us when she was 21. It was then that my husband and I began our education on society's fear, hatred, and discrimination against gays. Our daughter has to expend an enormous amount of energy hiding a part of who she is so that she can be safe, healthy and prosperous in this society. She is now 31 and we have been active in PFLAG since 1991. We have received death threats and nasty phone calls just because we support our daughter and other gays who should have the same rights, privileges and protection as any other citizen. Just because our daughter loves another woman and plans to remain with her for the rest of her life. She should be able to publicly acknowledge this love and this relationship through marriage just as straight people.

Putting this constitutional amendment before the public will generate more hate and hurt feelings. I have seen the rhetoric put out by the Christian Coalition to support SJR 42 and it is very hurtful and insulting. I too am a Christian and resent this type of talk. Could we serve the same loving Heavenly Father? I know many who support this amendment are good people. If these supporters had a loved gay family member who they know to be a good, capable, giving person, I'm sure they would see this bill and the implications differently.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Kailing  
PO Box 84680  
Fairbanks, AK 99708-4680

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

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**Subject:** Re: Bill SJR-42  
**From:** assg@UAA.ALASKA.EDU at CC2MHS1 03/30/98 1:17 PM  
**To:** Senator Sean Parnell at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator Randy Phillips at LAA\_TRANS  
**To:** Senator John Torgerson at LAA\_STOR  
**To:** Senator Drue Pearce at LAA\_SPEA  
**To:** Senator Bert Sharp at LAA\_SSHA  
**To:** Senator\_Dave\_Donely@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1  
**To:** Senator\_AL\_Adams@legis.state.ak.us at CC2MHS1

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Dear Senators:

It has come to my attention that you are in support of SJR-42. I am opposed to amending the constitution regarding marriage. We supposedly live in a free country, whose right is it to dictate who can love on another? This standpoint certainly does not support "Family Values," it only promotes hate. I urge you to put your personal views aside and try to think of what is best for all people, we can certainly not remain living in a vacuum if we are to progress as a people, or as a whole.

Sincerely,

Susan Gardner Dillon  
Alaskan Resident & Voter

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

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**Subject:** SJR-42

**From:** ftsmg@aurora.alaska.edu (M & S Galereave) at CC2MHS1 03/30/98 5:10 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

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

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Please reject SJR-42. It is a devisive bill that is based on fear. I feel sorry for the couple whose marriage will be threatened if my partner and I are afforded the same right. Because the issue of gay marriage is a civil rights issue, let it be decided by the courts.



Committee for Equality PO Box 34202 Juneau AK 99803

**Date:** March 28, 1998

**To:** All Legislators

**From:** Committee for Equality  
A statewide organization advocating for equal rights and responsibilities  
for lesbian, gay and bisexual Alaskans.

**Re:** SJR-42 Opposition: **The Real Costs of SJR-42**

**The real costs of SJR-42 are not the \$3000 fiscal note on the bill.**

As legislators up for re-election, you need to know that tens if not hundreds of thousands of dollars will be spent on both sides of a marriage-restriction ballot issue.

**SJR-42 directly takes tens upon hundreds of thousands of dollars out of your very own campaign coffers.**

Don't drain your own campaigns of supporters' energy and big money donations.

**Instead, vote no on SJR-42 even if you support the marriage restriction. Vote no saying this bill doesn't have to be resolved until after the Supreme Court makes its final decision. And remind Alaskans you've voted "yes" to SCR-25 which asks the court to decide the issue promptly.**

**Save yourselves money. Save citizens the pain of a divisive unnecessary ballot proposal. Save the Constitution from premature attacks.**

**Think of the real costs of SJR-42, and vote "no."**

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

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**Subject:** SJR-42

**From:** ftsmg@aurora.alaska.edu (M & S Galereave) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 4:05 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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Civil Rights are often given to minorities over the protests of the majority. SJR-25 already gave this issue back to the courts. There is no need for SJR-42. Why punch holes in our Constitution? Why is it so threatening to give Civil Rights to Gay People?

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** cindyl@corecom.net (Cindy Lelake) at CC2MHS1 03/22/98 8:10 AM

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

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Dear Senator Sharp:

Please work to keep SJR 42 from passing through the Finance Committee. It is inappropriate as a constitutional amendment, and violates the right of all Alaskans to choose their life partners.

Sincerely,

Cindy Lelake

*Cindy Lelake*

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

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**Subject:** SJR 42

**From:** mrsmc@pacinfo.com (Steve Click) at CC2MHS1 03/27/98 11:17 AM

**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

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

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Senators:

Please do not pass SJR 42 out of committee. This measure is discriminatory in its nature that it is not allowing choice for life-long relationships within the laws of Alaska between two consenting adults. This is an invasive measure into the personal lives of many, many Alaskan citizens. It affects not only the homosexual couples involved, but also their families and friends.

Please let the courts take care of this situation.

Steven M. Click  
PO Box 83636  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

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Box 778  
Tok, AK 99780  
April 1, 1997

Senate Finance Committee  
Room 532, Capitol  
Senate Finance Room, 5th Floor, Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

To Whom It May Concern: ,

I would like to speak out in favor of SJR 42 that would enable the voters to determine the definition of marriage in the State of Alaska. Marriage as defined in the Webster Dictionary is the mutual relation of husband and wife, 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. I personally believe it was never the intent of marriage to link same sex cohabitation as an act of marriage. This union is unable to propagate and therefore does not meet the definition of marriage. Vermont's State Constitution definition of marriage was recently called into question. Vermont was able to prevent same sex marriage from being officially recognized in their state.

Sincerely,

*Judith A. Harmon*

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