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TO: THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
Concerning: H.B. 7395 - AN ACT CONCERNING MARRIAGE EQUALITY

To The Honorable Chairs and members of this committee, thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony concerning H.B. 7395 - An Act Concerning Marriage Equality. We urge you to vote in opposition of this measure.

Marriage is a sacred institution spanning over 600 centuries, across all societies, all religions, all races and all cultures. Marriage is known since the earliest times as a union of a man and a woman. Marriage is the backbone of our society and indeed of all mankind.

Are we more intelligent than 6000 years of civilization, that we can bestow or legislate marriage to same sex couples without any proven benefit to society in these "experimental households"? Who benefits or what purpose does this relationship serve, except the adult population where wants or desires supersede needs?

Same sex couples are asking for marriage equality. How can this legislature give equality to something which is not equal and is a biological impossibility? Does not nature teach us? How does a father nurse his infant without a mother? Motherhood is a part of nature. To think otherwise is absurd. Isn't traditional marriage a powerful and compelling testament to the existence of every person present here today?

On an issue of such magnitude of redefining marriage, shouldn't the people be heard? If this bill's proponents are so sure of a majority of constituents supporting their position, where the harm in the public speaking their mind in a vote on the issue or in a constitutional amendment? After all, the ramifications to society involve changing educational curriculum, textbooks, dictionaries, All state agencies, governmental policies, religions, associations, business, employment, etc, etc.. Is it not safe to assume that this line of thought defies logic? Who is to say that one year from now, a proposition is made on behalf for one man to marry his uncle or for a man to marry his grandfather to avoid inheritance taxes? Who is to say this is wrong? In 2005 during debate in the Senate on "civil unions", it was emphatically stated by a member of the Senate,

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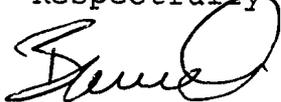
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"WHERE WILL THIS TRAIN STOP". The validity of this statment is as true as day follows night!

In conclusion, we appeal to the members of the Judiciary Committee and indeed all Legislators, to consider the gravity of this moment and to act decisively in PRESERVING the marriage institution as we now hold it; which is the bedrock of our great nation and all society, Please vote NO on H.B. 7395.

Thank you for your attention.

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