

To: The Judiciary Committee and all legislators  
Concerning: H.B. 7395, An Act concerning Marriage Equality  
From: John and Susan Granniss, 126 Pine St., Columbia, Ct. 06237

I LOVE CONNECTICUT... MY ANCESTORS CAME AND SETTLED HERE IN THE 1600'S. I HAVE LIVED IN THIS GREAT STATE ALL MY LIFE. AS A BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIAN, I BELIEVE GOD COMMANDS ME TO LOVE ALL THE PEOPLE IN THIS WONDERFUL STATE. THE BIBLE USES THE GREEK WORD AGAPE TO DESCRIBE THE UNCONDITIONAL, SELF-SACRIFICING, SELF-GIVING LOVE THAT WE ARE TO SHOW FOR ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS. EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE FAILED MANY TIMES, OVER THE 37 YEARS OF OUR MARRIAGE MY LOVELY WIFE SUE AND I HAVE TRIED TO SHOW THIS KIND OF AGAPE LOVE FOR EACH OTHER, FOR OUR CHILDREN, OUR GRANDCHILDREN, AS TEACHERS, AS COACHES AND AS CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE. IN RAISING OUR CHILDREN WE OFTEN WERE FACED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW OR NOT TO SHOW AGAPE LOVE FOR THEM WHEN WE KNEW THEY WERE DOING SOMETHING THAT WAS WRONG. I BELIEVE THAT OVER THE YEARS WE LEARNED TO AGAPE LOVE OUR CHILDREN MORE DEEPLY AS WE FACED THESE TIMES TOGETHER. WE STRONGLY BELIEVE IN GOD'S INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE. GENESIS 2:24 SAYS "...A MAN WILL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE UNITED TO HIS WIFE, AND THEY WILL BECOME ONE FLESH." SUE AND I BELIEVE WITH ALL OUR HEARTS THAT THE BEST THING FOR EVERY PERSON IN THIS GREAT STATE IS TO PRESERVE THE GOD GIVEN INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE OF ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN... AND TO CONTINUE TO AGAPE LOVE ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORS WITH ALL OF OUR HEARTS... WE IMPLORE YOU TO DEFEAT H.B. 7395 FOR THE GOOD OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN CONNECTICUT. MAY GOD BLESS, KEEP AND GUIDE YOU AND EVERY PERSON IN THIS GREAT STATE.

