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Members of the Judiciary Committee
State of Connecticut

Dear Committee Members,

I write today a simple plea for justice. So many people have been wounded by the double standard imposed and codified on marriage rights for same sex couples. So much healing will be accomplished when the double standard is eliminated.

I am person who teaches justice and strives to live by the demands of Biblical justice. For me, that means granting equal access to respect and dignity, equal access to rights and protections, equal access to joys and responsibilities. Until full marriage status is allowed for all couples, gay and straight, a crippling injustice persists.

In my view, as long as gay couples are regarded as second-class citizens under the law, ALL citizens share the shame of being second-class citizens. By passing a Marriage Equity Bill, the State of Connecticut establishes justice and makes us all much more fully human!

I urge your support of the Marriage Equity Bill.

Faithfully,
Reverend Richard C. Allen, senior minister