

## *Stop the Assault on Marriage by Cosponsoring the Marriage Protection Amendment*

Dear Colleague:

**Traditional marriage between a man and a woman – accepted in cultures across the world for centuries – is under assault as never before.** Earlier this month, the Iowa Supreme Court struck down a state-law banning same-sex marriage, stating it was in violation of the state’s Constitution and in essence, making the practice legal. A political and social question that should be resolved at the ballot box is being imposed by a handful of liberal elites in black robes. We must decide whether we are going to continue to allow activist judges to determine the law of the land or should the American people and their elected representatives make these decisions – as the Constitution sets forth.

**Because of this judicial power grab, I am re-introducing the Marriage Protection Amendment, which simply states:**

**“Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. Neither this Constitution or the constitution of any State, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups.”**

This exact Constitutional Amendment was introduced last year and received 92 cosponsors. Additionally, the exact same language was introduced in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress by Rep. Musgrave and garnered 134 cosponsors.

In the wake of the fourth attempt by judges to overturn a state law and thwart the will of the people, we must stand together to send a clear message that marriage is, and shall remain, a union between one man and one woman, unless and until the *people* decide otherwise. Californians stood united last November and overturned their State Supreme Court’s ruling which made same-sex marriage legal in their state. Now is the time to stand up for our constituents on the federal level and enact a Constitutional Amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman thus, once and for all, negating any judicial attempt to usurp the will of the people.

I hope that you will consider joining me in protecting the sacred institution of marriage. Please contact Jack Smedile in my office at 202-225-4101 to co-sponsor this Amendment or if you need more information.

Respectfully Yours,

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Member of Congress