



*One man and  
one woman . . .*

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## **Dear Supporter of Marriage,**

Reckless and irresponsible liberal politicians in Springfield have just legalized “civil unions” for homosexuals in Illinois. Now these same politicians are plotting to legalize same-sex “**marriage**” in our state. We must NOT let this happen in the Land of Lincoln!

### **Redefined Marriages Wreaking Havoc in Massachusetts**

- q Government-mandated curricula exposing children to explicit homo-sex lessons
- q Children taught to accept - even celebrate - homosexual & transgender lifestyles
- q AIDS raging out of control and overwhelming the state’s health care system
- q Blood supply at increasing risk for AIDS virus contamination
- q Homosexuals now adopting children – Catholic Charities pressured to cooperate

### **Attack on Religious Liberty in Illinois**

In Illinois, the new “civil unions” law – ironically named the “Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act” – is already destroying liberty. “Gay” activists are pressuring Catholic Charities for homosexual adoptions, and are filing lawsuits against Christian bed-and-breakfast owners to force them to hold “gay civil union” ceremonies on private property!

If we fail to respond to this threat in Illinois, our precious religious liberties and marriage itself – as ordained by God – will be destroyed. The institution of marriage – as human civilization has known it for thousands of years – will be radically altered for our children and grandchildren.

### **Let the People Vote!**

In each of the 31 states where CITIZENS have been able to vote on this issue, traditional marriage has been preserved. To provide OUR citizens with the same opportunity to vote for marriage, the **Illinois Defense of Marriage Initiative** was formed to call upon Springfield to preserve marriage as between one man and one woman. We must collect at least 500,000 petition signatures to put this referendum on the November 2012 ballot. **We need your help with the enclosed official action kit.**

**IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS, PLEASE TAKE ACTION:**

1. **Gather signatures of ILLINOIS registered voters on ONE of the six (6) enclosed petition sheets. Include your name and address also. Fill out the affidavit section at the bottom, have it NOTARIZED, and return to:**

**Illinois Defense of Marriage Initiative  
P.O. Box 407, Westmont, IL 60559**

2. **Provide a copy of this letter and a BLANK petition sheet with instructions to at least five (5) other ILLINOIS registered voters, and ask them to gather signatures too. You can also download this letter, petition sheets and the critically important instructions directly from our website at www.DefendMarriageIllinois.org. We're counting on pro-marriage people like you to recruit others for this petition drive, or we will LOSE this fight to preserve marriage in Illinois.**

**Please READ and FOLLOW the petition instructions PRECISELY.** The rules are simple and easy to follow. **Note that the main requirement is to keep each of the election jurisdictions – (102) counties and (8) special cities -- on separate sheets.**

**When you return your signed and NOTARIZED petition sheet(s), we would be very grateful if you would include a small donation to help us defend marriage. As little as \$25 helps us reach 25 other Illinois voters and advance closer to our goal. You may donate using Pay Pal at our web site or make your check payable to: "Illinois Defense of Marriage Initiative," P.O. Box 407, Westmont, IL 60559**

Please tell your friends, family and co-workers about this vital project. Use email and social networks to expand our team of signature gatherers! We WILL succeed – ONLY if each of us does our part. We must not let marriage be redefined in Illinois on our watch!

Please pray that Almighty God blesses our efforts to protect marriage. Your prayers are essential to our success. Feel free to contact me personally with any questions.

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