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Dear Senators and Representatives:

If you vote to equate same sex marriage to heterosexual marriage, do you know what this means to our children?

CONSEQUENCES:

By your vote, you will be directly responsible for teaching the homosexual life style to our children. This male homosexual life style (anal sex) will be taught as the legal equivalent to the heterosexual life style (vaginal sex).

WHY is this dangerous to our children's health?

Did you know that the male homosexual act (receptive anal sex) is considered by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to be 5 times riskier (1, 2) than receptive vaginal sex for acquiring HIV? Did you know that 65% of the male cases of HIV in the US are infected through male homosexuality even though homosexuals comprise less than 3% of the male population? This figure of male-to-male sexual contact cases of HIV increases to 70% when including injection drug use. Other male HIV cases are infected through injection drug use only (14%) and heterosexual contact (16%), year 2004 (3).

How could anyone who cares about the health of our children, consider teaching them a high risk activity, FOR SIMPLY POLITICAL REASONS? We may as well teach our children to inject themselves with drugs. Drug injection is 6.7 times riskier than vaginal receptive sex for acquiring HIV, only a little riskier than receptive anal sex, which is 5 times riskier than receptive vaginal sex for acquiring HIV (1,2).

Instead of promoting the gay school clubs, we should have the integrity to warn our youth about the danger of anal sex in the same way that we warn them about the danger of drug injection. Both are considered high risk behaviors by the CDC in the transmission of HIV infection. This risk applies to women as well as men. Did you know that many young women are under the impression that anal sex is a safe way to avoid getting pregnant?

Do you want to go on record as being responsible for teaching a high risk behavior to our children?

Sincerely,

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