

**2025-02-25 Transcription of Rep. Schriver's Press Conference  
Statement on Resolution Against Obergefell Ruling**

Thank you all for coming.

I just want to let you know that I have some remarks prepared. I'm going to be sharing these and I won't be taking any questions afterwards. If you do have any questions, just refer to my remarks.

Today, February 25 in the two-thousand twenty-fifth year of our Lord, I hereby call on the US Supreme Court to overturn *Obergefell v. Hodges*. This decision has defaced the definition of marriage, undermined our God-given rights, increased persecution of Christians and confused the American family structure. Michigan Christians follow Christ's definition of marriage as a covenant between a man and a woman, an institution established to glorify God and produce children.

Ten years ago, the United States Supreme Court redefined the sacred institution of marriage. This blunder compromised the mother, father, child family unit. This decision deprived children of a fundamental right to be born and raised by a mother and a father.

Article One, Section 25 of the Michigan Constitution states:

*To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.*

Was this not just approved by a majority of Michigan voters? Is 2004 ancient history?

in 2019 our Attorney General, Dana Nessel, threatened to cancel the contracts of Christian adoption agencies who, by faith, refused to place foster children in the homes of same-sex couples. My constituents are outraged as schools push radical policies that ignore biological reality. Rochester High School allows boys to enter the girls' bathroom and girls to enter the boys' bathroom.

This must all end now. Has *Obergefell v Hodges* not widened a portal where gays, queers, transsexuals, polygamists, minor-attracted persons, and other perverts advance attacks on our children? In Grand Rapids, Broadway Avenue, a wedding venue, was fined \$500 for declining to host same-sex ceremonies in accordance with the owner's belief in Christ.

In Kentucky, County Clerk Kim Davis was jailed for six days and forced to pay over \$300,000 in legal fees simply because she refused to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Why? Because she decided to be obedient to Christ instead of the State.

The Constitution does not grant the judiciary power to redefine fundamental institutions such as marriage.

The American legal tradition – based on natural law, the will of the people, and constitutional originalism – upholds marriage as a union between a man and a woman. Any deviation from this definition undermines the legal and moral foundation of this republic. Marriage belongs to one man and one woman. This is a biological necessity to preserve and grow our human race. This is a means not only to create and raise children but train them up in the way they should go.

Even marriages that cannot produce children reflect God's beautiful design.

It has been ten years. We have more proof than ever to show that this shift in the family structure is bad for Michigan children. Children raised by same-sex couples face greater challenges in education, employment, self-sufficiency compared to those raised by a mother and a father. Children raised in same-sex households are two to three times more likely to experience developmental delays.

To my fellow conservatives: if we cannot conserve the bedrock of our civilization, the family, then we can't call ourselves conservatives anymore. Now is the time to do the right thing.

Now is the time to re-assert the sovereignty of Christ as our King. Now is the time to restore the authority of God and submit our will to He who knows what's best. We must restore the order of the family. The family is the smallest, most intimate governing body in our great nation.

May our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, bless you and keep you. May he make his face shine upon you. May he be gracious to you. May he turn his face towards you and give you peace. Amen.