

SB 2264
Testimony in opposition.

Madam Chair and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

I am writing to you to respectfully request a Do Not Pass recommendation from this committee on Senate Bill 2264.

This bill would effectively legalize non-heterosexual marriages in our state. (See Section 3, Page 2, line 7) This would be a massive shift from the Judeo-Christian values our state has held since its inception, and is certainly of great consequence. While we may say that the government shouldn't be involved in people's personal romantic choices, a shift of this magnitude and consequence should at least be left to a vote of the people as a ballot measure, rather than to the legislature.

Those arguing in favor of this bill, if successful, will return and make almost all the same arguments for legalizing polygamy, child marriages, bestiality, etc... This is one step in the wrong direction for our state, and is the beginning of a slippery slope to completely destroying the family unit.

Statistics prove that a strong traditional family unit is the single greatest predictor of whether a child will grow up a law abiding citizen or one familiar with crime. We must take this into consideration before taking a swing at traditional family values.

I respectfully request a "Do Not Pass" recommendation from this committee.

Sincerely,

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