

For some time now, we have been told that same sex marriage would not affect anyone else, except for the people getting married. My wife and I are living proof that this is not the case. We own sweet cakes by melissa, originally in oregon, now in montana. The state of oregon used same sex marriage to run us out of business and try to financially ruin us because we had a religious belief that marriage is netween a man and a woman. We are not the only ones in this country that this has happened to.

We watched the state of Oregon, the bureau of labor and industry a state agency headed by a ultra-liberal Anti constitutional, anti christian, commissioner use his position to ruin a christian couple that wasoperating their

business by the tenets of their faith. When two women could not get a custom designed wedding cake from us and were apologized to for that, the state agency reached out to them and offered to take up this issue free of charge. We had the full weight of the government bearing down upon us with no hope of winning in the commissioner's crooked court. We were accused of such lunacy, such as mental rape and causing people to start smoking and to quit smoking to gain weight to lose weight and to fear for their lives. All because they couldn't get a wedding cake from us. We have been in a legal battle for twelve years now over this. My twins who were just born are now teenagers, I have grandchildren, I have moved to another state and my life is drastically different because of what same sex marriage and a rogue state agency

caused.

This is not a simple matter that will go away, this is exactly what they have been trying to do for years now, force everybody to adhere to it and support it. As christians, we cannot do that because we serve a God that that said in his word, marriage is between one man and one woman. This court's decision tells us that we have to adhere to a different definition because the government says it's right.

Obergerfeld needs to be challenged because it has the potential to allow federal agencies to do others what the state of oregon has done to us. That would violate the united states constitution on many levels.

Lastly, I don't know of any federal agency issuing marriage licenses. This would make it a state's issue, not a federal

**issue. Don't let the federal government
take away your state's rights and your
citizens rights.**