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## Same-sex “marriage” MUST BE DEFEATED because...

- A** Same-sex couples ALREADY enjoy all the same rights and benefits as married couples in Illinois under the civil unions law of 2011.
- B** Children need BOTH a mom and a dad. Marriage exists for the benefit of children. Social science research and thousands of years of history show that children do best when raised by their married mom and dad.
- C** There will be significant CONSEQUENCES if marriage is redefined in Illinois. In other states that have redefined marriage, there have been profound consequences for those who express or act on their belief that marriage is the union between one man and one woman.

### TAKE ACTION

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Please call your state representative at the State Capitol (217) 782-2000 and ask them to reject any effort to redefine the institution of marriage. Call Illinois Family Institute for the name of your state representative or ask for a booklet about the consequences of legalizing same-sex marriage.

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God ‘made them male and female.’  
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother  
and be joined to his wife,  
and the two shall become one flesh;  
so then they are no longer two, but one flesh.  
Therefore what God has joined together,  
let not man separate. ~ Mark 10:6-9*



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