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Arico Kotze - Civil Union Bill

From: "Nicholas Moses"
To:
Date: 2006/11/23 11:02 AM
Subject: Civil Union Bill

Good day

I would like to protest vehemently against the passing of this bill. We are already living in a society that is increasing lacking in morals and values. The effect of this bill on the children of the future is certainly going to plunge our society into more chaos and despair. Moreover, we seem as adults to be making decisions on behalf of the children that is going to be drastically affected.

I am calling upon the powers that be, to accept all submissions in protest of this bill and call for a referendum before this bill is passed.

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Arico Kotze - FW: [Christianaction] How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Your Community

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Date: 2006/11/24 03:11 PM
Subject: FW: [Christianaction] How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Your Community
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-----Original Message-----

From: Thevie Sigamoney [mailto:Thevie.Sigamoney@msunduzi.gov.za]
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CC: akotze@parliament.gov.za
Subject: FW: [Christianaction] How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Your Community

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I urge you Christians that it time to arise and fight for this bill to be scraped today – please fill in your support and cc it to akotze@parliament.gov.za you have till The 24th November at 16h00 - and don't forget to pass this onto other christians

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Subject: FW: [Christianaction] How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Your Community

I certainly agree that this bill is

From: Steve Maritz [mailto:stevemar@absamail.co.za]
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To: .Undisclosed Recipients
Subject: Fw: [Christianaction] How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Your Community

Dear Family in Christ

I believe we need to take immediate action and voice our concerns about this bill.
 The deadline is 24th November at 16:00

Your brother in Christ

Steve

PS My own submission has been added to the bottom of this email.

----- Original Message -----

From: Africa Christian Action

To: Christian Action Mailing List

Sent: Wednesday, November 22, 2006 9:57 PM

Subject: [Christianaction] How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Your Community

Getting Practical: How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Your Community

Following is the submission made by the Christian Action Network to the National Council of Provinces Committee. You are free to adapt points from it in your own submission.

There is still time to make a submission. Even a one paragraph email will do! The closing date is 24 November 2006 at 16:00. Keep praying that the Lord will change the minds and hearts of both government leaders and South Africans who have supported the idea of same-sex marriages.

Those who wish to make oral presentations to the Committee should contact the Secretary. Please note that the email address and phone number that we previously gave you were incorrect.

Enquiries and submissions should be addressed to: Mr Arico Kotze (Committee Secretary), Parliament of RSA, PO Box 15, Cape Town 8000, Tel: (021) 403 3662. Fax: (021) 403 2808 or email: akotze@parliament.gov.za

Oral Submission to the Select Committee on Social Services of the National Council of Provinces 23 November 2006

Section 1: How Children Would Be Affected

1.1 Future generations of children would suffer the most. Firstly, those 'born' to homosexual couples through artificial insemination, or those adopted by same sex couples, would grow up without either a mother or a father. The following statistics show the tragic consequences of fatherless and single parent homes in the United States:

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioural disorders come from fatherless homes.
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.
- 75% of all adolescent patients in drug abuse centres come from fatherless homes.
- 85% of all youths sitting in prisons grew up in a fatherless home.

While this applies to children who grow up in fatherless homes, mothers are equally important in the lives of children and the results of motherless homes are equally tragic. The father-mother-child bond makes it illogical to maintain that a homosexual union matches marriage in its benefit to society.

1.2 Secondly, children growing up with same sex parents or seeing and hearing about homosexual marriages may become confused about their own gender identity and roles. Children need the role models of both parents to become good parents themselves.

Section 2: How Marriages and Families in the Would be Affected

2.1 Changing the definition of marriage will further contribute to the belief that marriage is just a contract

based on emotions, not a covenant commitment made in the sight of God, based on love, expressed through sacrificial service. In short, if marriage can be distorted to mean anything, then, in the minds of future generations, it will further deteriorate to mean absolutely nothing.

2.2 Communities in the Western Cape are already being destroyed by drugs, alcoholism, gangsterism, crime and pornography. Legalising same sex marriages would not strengthen families, it would destroy future ones, as indicated by the above statistics. It is not fair to encourage public policy that encourages this social engineering and pretends that homosexual "families" are normal, healthy and desirable. Instead, public policy should work toward mitigating the harmful effects of divorce and parenting that results in motherless or fatherless homes, not promoting it!

Laws are not just nice, harmless ideas for the populace to consider. For those millions who do not have a set moral standard, the laws often become their moral measure. As adultery and pornography have been decriminalized, many more people indulge in these destructive activities – their rationale is: if government legalises it, then it must be acceptable. Similarly, more people will experiment with homosexuality and even enter into "partnerships or unions" because it is legal.

Summary

Should this Bill go through, we will be giving special status in our national consciousness to "families" that deny children either a mother or a father. Future generations of children would tell us the truth that growing up without either a mom or a dad was a terrible mistake. The liberal French parliament earlier this year ruled against same-sex marriages to protect children, citing article 7 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. "Children represent the future of society. They "must not suffer from conditions imposed upon them by adults... The best interests of the child must prevail over adult freedoms... even including the lifestyle choices of parents."

If there was a Referendum in South Africa, or if provincial parliaments had more power to make laws, there is no doubt that they would vote overwhelmingly against homosexual "marriage".

Lastly, we need to remind you that if this bill goes through, it will contribute to Cape Town becoming another Sodom or Gomorrah. God destroyed these cities by fire because of their rampant homosexuality. The prophet Isaiah said, and I quote, ***"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, ...woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight."***

If the Civil Union Bill is passed, it will be with the most dire consequences for the government which is leading this onslaught against God's moral Law and plan for human beings.

We reject the Civil Union Bill as unhealthy, unnatural and destructive to civilized society. We call for a constitutional amendment to protect the traditional definition of marriage as being a covenant between one man and one woman for – for life.

Sincerely,

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MAKE SUBMISSIONS TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES COMMITTEE

The Select Committee on Social Services of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) will be conducting public hearings on the **Civil Union Bill** on 23-24 November 2006 at Parliament (Cape Town).

The bill is accessible here: <http://www.pmg.org.za/bills/061109B26b-06.pdf>

NB: The Committee would like to assess how the legislation would impact on various communities in the Provinces.

Written comments and contribution to the bill are requested from stakeholders, civil society and the public.

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Demonstrate your outrage by writing letters to MPs, newspapers and the NCOP committee

Voice your opposition to the complete disregard the ANC has shown to the majority of South Africans who oppose the Civil Union Bill and to those Members of Parliament who voted in favour of same-sex marriages by writing letters to Members of Parliament, local newspapers and magazines.

The Civil Union Bill was approved by the National Assembly on Tuesday but must now be debated and voted on in the National Council of Provinces chamber until November 27. The NCOP committee will allow public participation when it processes the Bill, particularly because the draft approved by the Assembly differs substantially from the one discussed at countrywide public hearings.

All ANC MPs and ministers were forced to vote in favour of the Bill, while the DA allowed its MPs a free vote, with one abstention and only a handful voting 'no'. All other opposition parties, such as the ACDP, IFP and United Party, voted against the Bill, mostly on religious or moral grounds.

For contact details of MPs visit: <http://www.info.gov.za/faq/contact.htm>

Write to your Provincial NCOP representative: For contact details visit:
http://www.parliament.gov.za/pls/portal/web_app.new_middle_column?p_page_name=PARLIAMENT_NCOP

Sincerely,
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Upcoming Events:

Sanctity Life Sunday: 28 January 2007
National Day of Repentance: 1 February 2007

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Dear Sir

May I respectfully submit that I, together with the vast majority of South African citizens, are opposed to and in fact disgusted that our beautiful South Africa would even be considering such an ungodly law as the Civil Union Bill.

Homosexuals are to be pitied and helped, not to be encouraged to continue in a lifestyle which God clearly detests. (Lev.18:22; Lev.20:13; 1Cor.6:9; Rom.1:24-31) God judged Sodom and Gomorrah for this sin and destroyed them completely.

As a Pastor and Administrator of a Christian School, my experience is that children need both a natural father and a natural mother in order to grow up into balanced and mature citizens. Children given into the care of the unnatural union of two men or two women would be at a huge disadvantage.

I strongly appeal to the government to hold a referendum on this subject. I believe the vast majority of South Africans would be opposed to this bill and to legalising homosexuality in any form. I believe our Constitution should be amended regarding this practice.

If the majority of Citizens are against homosexual "marriage", I submit that the Government have no right to pass this law. They are elected to represent our people, not ignore or intimidate them by pushing through offensive laws.

Our Church pray regularly for our Government leaders. We believe it is our God given responsibility to do so. May God give the decision making leaders of this wonderful country wisdom to do the right thing. Ultimately, we will all be held accountable to Him.

Yours faithfully

P S Maritz
(Pastor)

I agree with Pastor P S Maritz we disagree with this Bill as it is against our Christian principle and the bible to allow same sex marriages why confuse our children and the nation. Please don't bring this sin upon the nations by agreeing to this Bill make a stand for the God and yes we pray that the Government will review and scrap this Bill as it will change the future of all families and children. Thevie Sigamoney

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From: "Andrea van Doorene" <andrea.vandoorene@gmail.com>
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Date: 2006/11/24 03:25 PM
Subject: Against same-sex marriages

To whom it may concern,

Same-sex marriages will introduce same-sex divorces and same-sex parenting as in any committed relationship it is natural at some time or another to want to have children. This cannot naturally happen with same-sex partners and so children will be adopted or artificially inseminated or whatever other means can be adopted will be adopted...

Children need both a mother and a father - if you take a look around - take a survey if you need to, you will find that the happiest children are those with one mother and one father that love each other and are committed to one another.

Why?

Because a child learns many things from a mother that they cannot learn from a father and vice-versa... and they are able to grow up in a stable home - having the strength of a father and the nurture of a mother.

Amongst other things a young girl will learn:

from her mother how to be secure in her womanhood... confident...

From her father she learns how a man should treat a woman...

She learns that she is beautiful and worthy of a man's attention as she is without having to resort to doing things she doesn't want to do to try and get attention.

For a young boy:

he learns from his mother that it's OK to cry and that he can turn to women in his life as many can offer him love, care and the special ones are those he can trust.

He learns from his father what it means to be a man... how to treat women with respect and how to aim for more, achieving great things in life...

As it is there are not many happy children due to broken homes and it is not uncommon for children to have 3 or 4 parents - remarried parents.

Remember your childhood...

Did your parents love each other?

Where they divorced?

Did that rip you up inside?

Did children tease you?

Think of how it will be for the children that will have to grow up in a family where he maybe has 2 same-sex parents (if they can be married they will also be allowed to get divorced will they not),

Will that child understand why other people look at them strangely or other kids tease them... It is not an excuse that the world does that - especially when a child is innocent or absent when decisions like that are made - but it WILL happen.

Would you have liked to grow up under these circumstances?

If the government does not seek to protect those who do not have a voice or are too weak to protect themselves then this country is not as great as I have all these 10 years believed it to be.

Yours faithfully,
Andrea van Doorene