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From: "Etienne Erasmus" <romany@mweb.co.za>
To: <akotze@parliament.gov.za>
Date: 2006/11/24 02:03 PM
Subject: Submission to the National Council of Provinces Committee

Dear Mr Kotze

How the Civil Union Bill Would Affect Our Community

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Arico Kotze - Civil Union Bill

From: "Claims - Peter Taylor"
To:
Date: 2006/11/24 01:37 PM
Subject: Civil Union Bill

Dear Mr. Arico Kotze,

I would like to echo the sentiments of Mrs McDonald and add to that, an additional perspective.

It is widely recognised that men and women are different - almost exactly opposite to each other. Whereas most people see that as a problem, there is a specific reason for those differences. Let me illustrate as follows:

Look at your hand - each finger representing strengths and the gaps in between representing the weaknesses. See one hand represent a man and the other hand, a woman. If the hands are placed together, palms facing, the fingers appear to oppose each other. However, with a slight adjustment, the fingers can instead be interlocked. This is an image of what happens when a man and woman are united in marriage. Two different halves, and instead of opposing each other, they each bring their individual uniqueness, to form a powerful bond. Notice how the gaps on the one hand are closed by the fingers of the other hand and each hand's strength compliments the other's weaknesses.

How can you join two halves which are identical to each other?! It just cannot make a whole. The unique differences between men and women clearly show that a union between the same sex was never designed to be.

Kind regards,
Mrs. B. Persson

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

From: MacDonald, C. (Carole)
To: 'akotze@parliament.gov.za'
Sent: Thursday, November 23, 2006 11:09 AM
Subject: Civil Union Bill

Dear Mr Arico Kotze (Committee Secretary),

I'm writing to you as I am concerned as to how the civil unions bill is going to affect me, my children, my family and my community. I am currently a proud citizen of South Africa. I'm not a lawyer and have no legal experience. I'm a working wife and mom who disagree with same sex marriages and allowing children to be introduced into these circumstances. I feel that my standards, values and religion are being discriminated on, as my faith in Jesus and the values I learn in the bible strongly disagree with this behaviour.

I therefore cannot accept that same sex behaviour, I cannot agree to same sex unions or what ever it can be phrased. Marriage is a word that we use to identify a special covenant between one man and one lady which is done in the presence of God. My freedom, values and religion is discriminated upon by this bill. I'm writing to you to appeal against the Civil Unions Bill. As my husband and I have entered into a marriage for life. Marriage has a meaning, value that is pure, honest and is a holy covenant which is done in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that the reason why the "that the family law dispensation as it existed after the commencement

of the Constitution did not provide for same-sex couples to enjoy the status and the

benefits coupled with the responsibilities that marriage accords to opposite-sex couples" was intentional as this behaviour is considered as sin in the bible and is not acceptable. By allowing this to happen it will impact our lives and the way the rest of the world sees South Africans. We have standards and values that we need to maintain so that we can say we are proudly South African.

Kind Regards
Mrs Carole Mac Donald

To all my friends who I have copied on this email if you fee the same as I do about the Civil Union Bill. You also have the opportunity to voice your opinions by contacting Mr Arico Kotze before 16:00 tomorrow.

Bellow are the links to the Civil Union Bills, it required me to capture my email address before I could access it.

<http://www.pmg.org.za> (choose New Bills twice.)

or

<http://www.pmg.org.za/bills/061109b26b-06.pdf>

extract "PREAMBLE

WHEREAS section 9(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, provides that everyone is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and benefit of the law;

AND WHEREAS section 9(3) of the Constitution provides that the state may not unfairly discriminate directly or indirectly against anyone on one or more grounds, including race, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, ethnic or social origin, colour, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture, language and birth;

AND WHEREAS section 10 of the Constitution provides that everyone has inherent dignity and the right to have their dignity respected and protected;

AND WHEREAS section 15(1) of the Constitution provides that everyone has the right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion;

AND WHEREAS the rights in the Bill of Rights may be limited only in terms of law of general application to the extent that the limitation is reasonable and justifiable in an open and democratic society based on human dignity, equality and freedom;

AND NOTING that the family law dispensation as it existed after the commencement of the Constitution did not provide for same-sex couples to enjoy the status and the benefits coupled with the responsibilities that marriage accords to opposite-sex couples,

BE IT ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of South Africa,

**Arico Kotze - public hearings on the Civil Union Bill on 23-24 November 2006 at Parliament**

From: "Africa Christian Action"
To:
Date: 2006/11/22 06:41 PM
Subject: public hearings on the Civil Union Bill on 23-24 November 2006 at Parliament

Dear Mr Kotze

Please accept the below email as we originally received the wrong email address from the Parliamentary Monitoring Group.

Dear Mr Kotze,
i have been told that the Select Committee on Social Services of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP) would like to assess how the legislation would impact on various communities in the Provinces.

I am therefore writing as a concerned citizen regarding the possible implications of the Civil Union Bill on our society.

I believe strongly (and our own President has said it on many an occasion), that the future of our children is one of the (if not the) most important factor in the future wellbeing of our beloved country. A society that does not transmit a solid, family based environment is doomed to lead to further decay in the life choices of our children. There is no way a child could understand, let alone make the natural choice of being male or female (which is known to occur at the age of 3 to 5 years) if he/she does not have/see role models of this in society. By changing the perimeter of this solid base of a man/wife family, the confusion that children will face, is undeterminable. it will only be evident with gender confusion in the next generation. The worst of all is, that the poorest will be the most severely hit by this, as the parents invariably might be out looking for jobs and not being able to teach their kids the correct moral stance (which the government should re-enforce).

Why is it that liberal countries like France have decided to not allow mixed marriages in order to "protect their children". The United nations also says in it's constitution that the right of a child should come above preferences of adults.

This Bill is dividing the country into Human rights activists vs. morally upright citizens.

thank you,

Ernst Scriba
MBChB

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Arico Kotze - Opposition to new bill

From: "Glynnis Hellemann"
To:
Date: 2006/11/23 06:12 AM
Subject: Opposition to new bill

We as a family stand against the bill – marriage is between a male and female. A family is made up of a father, mother and children. Families are so vulnerable today. Every effort should be made to keep families whole. Look at the unhappiness and sadness. Why have the people of SA not being allowed an opportunity to vote on this Bill. Remember the Lord is in control – one day He will come to judge us all.

Yours faithfully,

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Arico Kotze - Same Sex Marriages.

From: "Anwyn Hammond"
To:
Date: 2006/11/23 07:27 AM
Subject: Same Sex Marriages.

To Whom it may concern.

We would like to register our concern about this Bill being passed - it is an abomination - cruel to the future of children, who do not deserve their lives to be ruined bu adults making choices for them, It will have dire consequences in our land, if we go against the laws of nature - and make our own choice because it suits our whims.

Sincerely concerned,
Eddie & Anwyn Hammond.

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Arico Kotze - OBJECTION TO Civil Union Bill

From: "Louella Jackson"
To:
Date: 2006/11/23 08:11 AM
Subject: OBJECTION TO Civil Union Bill

I AM opposed 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.

I echo these sentiments, and quote them with permission, as I am too busy to write all the same things again, at work as a single parent!

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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!

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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.

I also support Rev Kenneth Meshoe and his objection to this.

It is time the voices of South Africans are Listened to, in order that another debarcle such as the crime and "death penalty required to be brought back" does not happen.

Listen to us as parents, citizens, children etc. all of whom have asked me to list their names. Should you require them please contact me per return.

Thank you,

Louella Jackson

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Kempton Park,
1620.

Please do reply to my objection.
Thank you.

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Arico Kotze

From: "Jose Fernandes"
To:
Date: 2006/11/23 10:45 AM

Dear Mr Arico Kotze (Committee Secretary)

Is there any way that you can please assist us in stopping the Civil Union Bill from becoming law? It will change our future for the worst and negatively effect our children the most.

Please note that my family and I 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 life.

I would be very grateful if you could please lodge my dissent and if you could assist in any way. If there is more that I can do please advise and kind regards

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