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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. DIANE RICE, CHAIR	X		
REP. RON STOKER, VICE CHAIR	X		
REP. PAUL CLARK, VICE CHAIR	X		
REP. ARLENE BECKER	X		
REP. ROBYN DRISCOLL	X		
REP. GEORGE EVERETT	X		
REP. GAIL GUTSCHE	X		
REP. CHRISTOPHER HARRIS	X		
REP. ROGER KOOPMAN	X		
REP. MIKE LANGE	X		
REP. TOM McGILLVRAY	X		
REP. MARK NOENNIG	X		
REP. ART NOONAN	X		
REP. JOHN PARKER	X		
REP. JON SONJU	X		
REP. JOHN WARD	X		
REP. BILL WILSON	X		
REP. JEANNE WINDHAM	X		

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Bill No. HB-259 **Sponsor(s)** Rep C. Kaufmann

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Lu John S. Lewis	PFLAG	✓		
Linda R Lewis	PFLAG	✓		
Pat Plowman	Montana Citizens for Decency through Law		✓	
BRUCEEN FLEENOR	" "		✓	
Edward D. Urband			✓	
Dick Green	Self		✓	
Gina Schallenberger	self		✓	
Betty Kijewski	MHRN	✓		
BERNIE KNEEFE	SELF / PRIDE	✓		
Mary Phippen	Mt. Assn. of Clerks of District Court			✓
GILDA CLANCY	MT EAGLE FORUM		✓	
Gloria Hardin	H.D.M.E.		✓	
Judith I. Kelly	self		✓	
James F. Kelly	self		✓	
Travis McAdam	self	✓		
Marriette B Glase	self		✓	
FLORENCE Wilson	Home Eagle Forum		✓	
ESTHER FISHBAUGH	self		✓	

1350 Wolverine Lane, Bozeman

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Beverly Oard			X	
Starshine		X		
Doug Nulle 37-D Stoney Brook Dr., Clancy	SELF		X	
[illegible] Plowman			X	
[illegible] Plowman	Self		X	
Mayfield Mkt. MT	self & equality	X		
Merry Nelson	Self		X	
Leon E Nelson	Self		X	
Connie Summers			X	
Anne Plowman			X	
Nicoleta [illegible]			X	
Michael J. Oard			X	
Venice Coates	self		X	
Eugene Williams	Self		X	
DANCING BEAR	SELF		X	
[illegible]			X	
Charles & Georgia Walter	Ourselves	X		
Paul Johnson	Self	X		

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Lynne Baber 303 9th St., Belgrade, MT	self		✓	
HARRIS HIMES	MFC		✓	
Hannah Koljonen 1304 4th Ave N Gt. Falls MT	self		✓	
Jennifer Solid P.O. Box 177 Ulm, MT 59485	self		✓	
Abigail Koljonen 1304 4th ave N Great Falls MT			✓	
Benn Koljonen 1304 4th Ave No Great Falls MT	self		✓	
Buck, Buckmaster Box 357 - E. Helena	self Eagle Forum		✓	
Dallas D Erickson	MCDL		✓	
Ms. Shannon Bennett	self		✓	
RICHARD BENNETT 1612 W. OLIVE #5 BOZEMAN	SELF		✓	
Lester Johnson 811 Flicker Ln. Victor	self		✓	
DONN P. DUGA HAMILTON, MT	SELF		✓	
Marilyn Hatch	self		✓	
Nicole Martin, GF, MT	self		✓	
Amanda Martin 2212 2nd Ave S GF, MT 59405	self		✓	
Tony Solid - Ulm, MT	self		✓	
[illegible] 56 West Ulm Rd Ulm	self		✓	
[illegible]	Myself		✓	

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Jonathan D. Martin 2212 2nd Ave S. G.F.	Constitution Party of MT		✓	
BRENDA WAHLER	PFLAG MOM	✓		
Claudia Montague 704 State Helena	self	✓		
Nancy Sweeney	Mt. Assn. Clerk's Dist Court			✓
Colleen Murphy	NASW	✓		
Kelly Baber 303 9th St Belgrade Mt 59714	self		✓	
Mary Anne Guggenheim	self	✓		
7525 Priest Pass Rd Jan Donaldson Helena	self	✓		
Patti Kauduch	CWA		✓	
Jeanette Bantgrof	CWA		✓	
Jerry Kendrick	Human Rights Network	✓		
Linda Guyczan	self	✓		
Rich Wagner	self	✓		
Anita Roissman	MAP	✓		

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Karen Antonick	Self		✓	
Colleen F. Dever	Self		✓	
Jeanette E. Bird	Self		✓	
Gail Smith	self		✓	
Susan Decker PO Box 24003 Dell MT	Self		✓	
Will Decker PO Box 7 Dell MT	Self		✓	
Larry Hastetler 3200 Snaffle Bit Helena MT	SELF		✓	
Tegan Maynard Hahn	self	X		
Ariel Johnson	self	X		
C.R. WILBURN HELENA	SELF		✓	
Barbara Chapman - Helena	"		✓	
Carol Wilburn CAROL WILBURN HELENA	"		✓	
Tony Holcomb 373 Janet St Helena 59601	South Hills Baptist Fellowship		X	
LORI PETERSON	" "		X	
Chuck Sanderson	" "		X	
Elena Holliman	Self	X		
Denise Juneau	Self	X		

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Kande Matthew Jenkins	Mt Fourlien		✓	
Barb LaRue	Self		✓	
Gary Stallings	BASE		✓	
Connie Mougeot	self		✓	
Linda Jackson	self		✓	
Jeanne O'Neil	self		✓	
Ursula D Martin	Self		✓	
Tim Seelhoff	Self		✓	
Leah Robinson	self		✓	
Paul Zallek	Catholic Church		✓	
Dianne Rotering Evaro	The Mercy Company		✓	
Rick Johnson	self		✓	
Deborah Johnson	Self		✓	
Rachel Fairbank	Self		✓	
Lona Fairbank	Self		✓	
Hilary Wald	self		✓	
Hilary Wald	Jeff Wald		✓	
Kim Milburn	self		✓	
Melanie Milburn	self		✓	
Julie Mullan	MFC		✓	
Pete Menkes	Self		✓	

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Eric Schiedermayer	Montana Catholic Conference		X	
Martha Kohl 307 Clancy	Helena self	X		
DIANE SANDS	Missoula Self	X		
Fred Meyer	SELF	X		
Judy Wade	Missoula	X		
Deb Gallagher	Missoula	X		
Sherri Row	Helena		X	
Virginia Geier	Helena		X	
Heidi B. Kestrel	Florence, MT - self	X		
Ben Foglesvand	Helena Self	X		
Dave Jones	Hamilton self	X		
Jennifer Hendricks 717 5th Ave Hel	self	X		
Denise C King	Self	X		
L.M. Minich	L.M. Minich	X		
Scott Crichton	ACLU MT	X		
Becky Convery	Pride, ACLU, self	X		
Dalton Hayden	self, MCADSV	X		
Jane Nofsinger	Lewis & Clark		X	

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Daniel White Clancy 25 Grassy Mt N Rd 59634	self		X	
Nancy J. Meuli Helena	self		X	
Larry W. Anderson	self		X	
Andrew Metroka 3920 Bach Bay Dr. Helena	SELF		X	
Phil Pulaski 1726 Colorado Ave Blk Eagle	self		X	
Patricia [illegible] 3920 Eagle Bay Dr. Helena	self		X	
LaLenya White 25 Grassy Mt Rd, MtCity, MT	self		X	
Wm D. Wise 10 Wallace Rd Clancy	self		X	
Terri Paske 6165 Timber Tr. Helena	self		X	
Alene Brockman 2575 Winchester - E Hln	self		X	
ED TREGIDGA Edward J. Tregidga 1697 BRADY ST, HELENA, MT	SELF		X	
Shuron Tregidga 1697 BRADY Helena	self		X	
PHYLLIS LAMPING 1806 Townsend	Self		X	
Shirley HERRIN HLN	SELF		X	
John Fenlason 3720 Canyon Ferry E. Helena	Self		X	
Jill Guthrie 1675 Spruce Dr.	Self		X	
LOUISE KEIGHTLEY 9435 S.19 BOZEMAN	Self		X	
Willard O. Keightley 9435 S.19 BZMN 59718	Self		X	

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Mary Lewis 3104 4th Ave NE Fairfield	SELF		X	
M J Schmeaux 1907 5th Ave N Great Falls	self		X	
Victoria Ann Holmes Fairfield MT	self & family		X	
Lennie & Amy Ernst	self & family		X	
Box 17, Stanford				
Barbara B. Hoffmann 929 8th Ave, Helena MT	Self	X		
Clarence Rotering 7690 Rt. 2 Groom Rd Missoula Mont. 59808	self		X	
Brian Hall 429 S. 5th St. E. MSla, MT 59801	Self	X		
Teri Gitzman 409 S. 5th E MSLA	SELF	X	X	
Gail [illegible] 8000 Laknar Dillon	Self		X	
Wade R. Hansen 870 Laknar, Dillon MT 59725	Self		X	
Randy Moy 5400 Tumbleweed Dr. Helena MT 59602	Self		X	
NANCY MOY 5400 Tumbleweed Hln 59602	Self		X	
Steve White BZN 3800 Blackwood	SELF		X	
Mindy Nichols Great Falls	Self		X	
Garnett Rope 255 Gordon Rd, Vaughn MT 59487	myself		X	
Joe Nistler 7415 Clausen Rd	self & family		X	
Matt Jestene 326 Flowerree	family		X	

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
CONNIE GRENZ BOX 1215 Boulder MT 59632	self		X	
Marian Oken Box 717, Boulder, MT 59632	self		X	
Kim Kurokawa 15 Sidewinder Ln MT 59634	Self		X	
Kirsten Kammerzell 157 Sandpiper Ln. Helena 59602	Self		X	
Dan Bushilla	Self		X	
Erlinda Bushilla	Self		X	
Tom Gocksch Helena	Self	X		
Jayce Cox Helena	Self	X		
Bobbie Scott Helena	"	X		
Joseph Kellogg- Helena	Self	X		
Pastor Pete Merkes	Self		X	
Christy Fuller	self		X	
Bonnie Benjamin	self		X	
Andrea L Kassner	self	X		
Brad Martin	MT Demo. Party	X		
MICHAEL W. HOUGHTON	SELF		X	
Charles Buck PO Box 6605/59604	Self		X	
JO DEES VICTOR MT 59875	SELF	X		

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Tony Holcomb 272 Janet St Helena	South Hills Baptist Fellowship		X	
Blake Medelhall	"		X	
Maria Decker	PBC Church		X	
Holt Decker	PBC church		X	
Sonora Decker	PBC church		X	

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
David Higbee	Self		X	
Jacque Trude	Self		X	
Chuck Lorentzen			X	

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Bill No. HB-169 **Sponsor(s)** Rep. D. Mcalpin

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Ida Jo V. Persinger 520 Logan St. #404	Pentecostal F. Fellowship		X	
ELAINE A. LOPANE 1410 WAUKESHA DR MT59601			✓	
Terry K Bryan			✓	
RICHARD BENNETT 1612 W. OLIVE #5 BOZEMAN	SELF		✓	
~~Pat Flowers~~ PO Box 173 Boyd MT				
Chris Tweeten	Attorney General	✓		

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Bill No. HB-169 **Sponsor(s)** Rep D. McAlpin

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Name and Address	Representing	Support	Oppose	Inf.
Pat Melby	Mont. Med. Ass'n	✓		
Jim Ahrens	Alliance for a Healthy MT	✓		
Chris Tweeten	Attorney General	✓		
Kelly O'Halloran	" "	✓		
Jackie McCall	MCI, DBC, ADA	✓		

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME M J Schmearer **BUDGET** Hse Bill 259

ADDRESS 1907 5th Ave N. **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

I think to vote for this bill is to undermine the principles on which our nation was founded, and will contribute toward the downfall of our country, at a time when to stand for what is right is crucial. Please vote against this bill.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME MARY LEWIS **BUDGET** HB 259

ADDRESS 310 4TH RD NE FAIRFIELD **DATE** 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SELF

SUPPORT: ____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** ____

COMMENTS:

Please oppose / table HB 259 on the grounds that it is unnecessary and is an affront to Montana voters who stand against homosexuality. This bill is an attempt to legitimize and validate civil unions, an incremental step to make homosexual unions legal with rights of married couples. I am against homosexual unions and the legal rights they derive.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME Victoria Ann Holmes **BUDGET** HB 259

ADDRESS 480 5th Ave NE Fairfield MT 59436 **DATE** Jan 17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I ask you to vote no on this bill because all the things the homosexuals & lesbians want really can be gotten thru wills & Powers of Attorney. Thein will be no confusion with our grandchildren if we as a community have taught them that we are made in God's image. God makes NO mistakes. We are born female or male and only our own fallibility changes that. It is only through following God's Laws to the best of our ability that our country will be Blessed

Victoria Ann Holmes

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NAME Lynne Baker **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 303 5th St, Belgrade, MT **DATE** 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself & my husband, our son & his wife
Mike Baker Andy & Tera Baker

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

I do not hate the people who choose other lifestyles than my own — but I am opposed to changing the laws recently passed like law for Montana stating that marriage is one man/one woman legal relationship. I know & love 1 friend & 2 relatives who have lived the homosexual lifestyle & have witnessed the mental, social & physical illness they have suffered as a result of choosing that lifestyle. I cannot in good conscience support a lifestyle that is so destructive & will negatively affect people & the future of our State's economy & our children & the children they want to raise. If we keep changing what marriage is, or what a couple or civil union is, eventually people will be allowed to legally write multiple spouses or be permitted to do unthinkable things such as legal civil unions w/animals or children.

Why not just a bill to allow the live-in partners to abde to visit their partners in hospital? (ICU, etc)

fears of illness & 2 tried suicide

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME ELAINE ANGELENA LOPAINE **BUDGET** HB 259

ADDRESS 1410 WAUKESHA AVE HELT. **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? PENTECOSTAL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I am a grandmother and am from New Jersey I came to Montana to morally support my thirteen year old grandson who was told he must accept his mothers lesbian lifestyle, I have been here since Sept. of 2004. I experience torment for my grandson, he's been disregarded and was programed for confusion in his mind who now is suicidedal at this point. Since I've been here it has been very hard for me, My daughters girlfriend has tried to take her life, a month later my daughter has also tried to take her life, My daughter is a backslider Born again Believer, She is very rebellious spirit also very selfish on her part, The other girl has accepted Jesus Christ in her life, I just want to say that all situations are in Gods hands he orchestrates our lives So they may have a conscience of Right + Wrong

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

I was so happy to hear both sides and now it's up to God to be the Judge.

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NAME Venice Coates BUDGET

ADDRESS P.O. Box 415 Hamilton DATE 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: OPPOSE ✓ AMEND

COMMENTS:

I am saddened and offended by the very fact that some are working hard to destroy the sanctity of marriage and traditional family values in our country.

Our Country (the U.S.A.) is and will remain great only if we stay "One Nation Under God" and keep the moral value system that this country was founded upon and the freedom that men and women are still dying for to this day!

My family and I oppose this bill.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME LEON NELSON **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 530 AERO LN **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SELF

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I oppose This Civil Union Bill For AloT of Reason's. IT's one Thing To Ask The people in MonTana To Co-EXiST ~~with~~ peaceably with Gays + lesbian's, But iT's way beyond Common Sense For our State To legiTimize Thier IMMoral behavior. IF The State of MonTana was To allow This To Happen, This Group would Soon press To Have Thier perversion Explained + Taught To our Children. Do you as State leaders want To Have To deal with This later. I believe MonTana law Says Sodomy is Against The law.

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NAME Merry Nelson BUDGET

ADDRESS 530 Aero Lane Big Fork DATE 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: OPPOSE X AMEND

COMMENTS:

Montana voters overwhelmingly passed the Marriage amendment in Nov. I oppose this attempt to negate the will of the majority to provide marriage for gays by calling it a civil union. If you remove the lid from this Pandora's Box it will just pave the way for more & more decline in the moral values of our state. Next they will want our school children taught that homosexuality is normal. Scientific research that people are born gay is inconclusive to say the least. The Bible in both the Old & New Testament teach this lifestyle is an abomination to God. Let Montana take the high road & stand for moral purity & the sanctity of marriage.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Arthur L. Plowman **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS Box 173, Boyd MT 59013 **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

This bill is a bad idea. It would create a judicial nightmare without doing any practical good for those the bill's proponents claim it would help. After the vast majority passing of the marriage ammendment last fall, I don't see how anyone could think that the majority of Montanans would support this bill. In a conservative state, this bill is ludicrous.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Patricia Plowman **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS PO Box 173 Boyd MT 59013 **DATE** 1/16/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SELF

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND** _____

already vote

COMMENTS:

Madame Chairman, I traveled today from Carbon County to say I represent the 67+% of Montanans who already reviewed and voted for traditional marriage.

Thank you,

Patricia Plowman

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME Anne Plowman **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS P.O. Box 173 Boyd MT 59013 **DATE** Jan. 17 2005

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I am in opposition to HB 259. The voters of Montana voted strongly to pass the Constitutional Marriage Ammendment. I think the voters wishes should be respected.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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MONTANA STATE SENATE

+++++ WITNESS STATEMENT +++++

NAME Becky Buckmaster

ADDRESS 407 E. Main St. - East Helena MT 59635

HOME PHONE: 406-227-8787 WORK PHONE: 444-3122

REPRESENTING Eagle Forum

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL ? SB 199

DO YOU: SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE ✓ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

This Bill gives homosexuals special preference, no matter what those that have chosen this lifestyle say.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME M. Shannon Bennett **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS P.O. Box 533 **DATE** Jan 16, 2005

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

Civil Union is just another name for Same Sex Marriage. This flies in the face of traditional/Biblical marriage between a man & a woman. There is no need for Homosexuals to share the priviledges that married couples share. It wouldn't make any more sense than to grant these priviledges to people living together example: a University dorm, where several people have shared rooms, apartments, houses. Using the Matthew Sheppard murder case as a Keystone for the homosexual agenda. However ABC network reporter uncovered this falsity by conducting an interview with the two murders of Matthew Shepherd. Their homosexual orientation did not bother them. Money/robbery was the motive.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003 M. Shannon Bennett

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NAME Connie Mugeot **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 2222 Billings **DATE** 1/17/04

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** X **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Thank you for the privilege to speak before you this morning. As a state in this last election the state voted approximately 67% against changing marriage. So why are we here today. Is not this government & what we want decided by the majority rule. This is my 1st point. Secondly, lets take a page from history. Every time in history unions between men/men & women/women (homosexuality) prevailed civilizations distroyed themselves. (Examples Elizabethan age & the Roman Empire. Lets not destroy what works.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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Judiciary Committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Phyllis A. Lamping **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 1806 Townsend **DATE** January 17, 2005

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

No! No! No! HB 259
Our State Our Nation
Has To OBEY THE WORD
of God.
EVEN IF you ARE Not
A BELIEVER OF THE WORD
OF GOD you Are IN THE
POSITION of a Montana
REPRESENTATIVE BECAUSE
GOD Would HAVE you
OBEY Him. Vote With
THE GOD of THE BIBLE

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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Judiciary Committee

WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Kim & Melanie MILBURN **BUDGET** HB 259

ADDRESS 20 Sandy Lane **DATE** JANUARY 17, 2005

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

Marriage, from the beginning of society, has been the basic building block of any society. As the family goes, so goes the society. If we tamper or fail to protect our families we will only harm ourselves by weakening the fabric of our society. Civil Unions are just another form of marriage and will insist on all the privileges of marriage and our families will be injured. All people are free to live together now, they will not be injured by not being identified as a family. We can only injure and begin the destruction of this nation with such unwise action as same sex unions recognized and ~~[illegible]~~ sanctified by the state.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Harry Anderson **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 3465 Mtn Meadows Rd **DATE** _____

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I do not believe homosexuals should be given special protection in a clearly wrong lifestyle choice as defined by God Himself. Nor should any kind of a homosexual union be recognized as legal in any way. This is a ravaging problem (homosexuality) and should not be granted special rights and protection thereby undermining and decaying the very foundation this country was started on.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Lennie & Amy Ernst **BUDGET** HB# 259

ADDRESS Box 178, Stanford **DATE** 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

We oppose the establishment of civil unions created outside the marriage union of one woman and one man.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Gail M. Smith **BUDGET** ——

ADDRESS 122 McClellan Clancy **DATE** 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: ____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** ____

COMMENTS:

There should be no union except between 1 woman & 1 man —
This could open a can of worms no one wants to deal with

Gail M. Smith

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Paul Zallek **BUDGET** —

ADDRESS 601 2nd Ave. N. Great Falls, MT 59401 **DATE** JAN. 17, 2005

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Catholic Church

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I oppose HB 259 in the name of natural Law. Thank you and God bless you.

/s/CommWitnessState.sample2003

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NAME Philip DuPaul **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 1726 Colorado Ave. **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

My brother is dead due to a life style that was falsely protrayed as "Gay". There was nothing gay about his death. By passing this bill the State will be giving acceptence to this very dangerous lifestyle. My brother died at the young age of 40 he was an athlete and had a joy for life. The pain of his lost remains with me and my family 10 yrs past his death. Jim did not die alone. Preceeding him was his partner and preceeding him was an earlier partner who shot himself in the head to avoid the death that comes with Aids. I met many of my brothers friends most of them are dead from aids now. The state need to make a stand for life and morality before Africa's epedemic is brought home.

/s/CommWitnessState.sample2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Patricia Metroka **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 3920 Eagle Bay Dr **DATE** 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SELF

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

I oppose civil unions in Montana. I feel this message was strongly sent in the last election with overwhelming support for the constitutional amendment to ban gay marriages. Please represent the will of the people in Montana and oppose this bill.

Respectfully,

Patricia L. Metroka

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME ANDREW METROKA **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 5920 EAGLE BAY DR. **DATE** 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SELF

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE CIVIL UNIONS IN MONTANA. I FEEL THIS MESSAGE WAS STRONGLY SENT IN THE LAST ELECTION WITH OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO BAN GAY MARRIAGES. PLEASE REPRESENT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IN MONTANA AND OPPOSE THE BILL.

RESPECTFULLY,

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Virginia Geier **BUDGET**

ADDRESS PO BOX 766 2965 Spike Bull Rd E Helena MT 59635 **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** HB259

COMMENTS:

As a mother of a disabled son, I am opposed to using disabled people as a recipient of the benefits of this bill to make it more palatable to those who oppose homosexual marriage or civil unions

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Shirley Herrin **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS Helena **DATE** 1/17/04

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

(See Over)

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Chris Fuller **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 706 Knight, Helena **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** X **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Before this is passed please provide information on affect on health insurance costs & ~~to~~ investigate other laws that already exist to cover the assets, hospital visitation, etc. that are being requested. It sounds like there are already laws to address these concerns.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME Kirsten Kammerzell **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 157 Sand Piper Lp. Silver **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? self

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** X **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

As a born Montanan and a voter in MT I strongly feel that the vote to ban gay "marriage" / civil union should speak for it's self.

One gentlemen mentioned he was gay and he didn't like being told what to do. It's amazing in a civilized society he we say that. Maybe all the murderers, thiefs, etc... should put up a house bill stating they don't like to be told what to do.

The majority of MT has already spoken. Save our society, our state, and our nation from RADICAL AGENDAS.

Thank you!

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Kimberly S Kurokawa **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 15 Sidewinder Lp **DATE** 1/17/05
Clancy, MT 59634

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? self

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND**

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COMMENTS:

Our Founding Fathers established the laws of the United States ~~on~~ on the laws of God. Therefore, this HB 259 would be in strong opposition of our basic laws based on God's laws. Also, passing this bill would send a message to the people that going to the polls to vote is worthless and there would be no need to bother. Don't send this message to the people of Montana; we already voted. Be true to the voice of the people of Montana.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Elaine Angelena Lopane **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 1410 Waukesha Ave. **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Pentecostal Fellowship

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I know this is God's decision that he has given me this knowledge and wisdom from his word in the Holy Bible, for this civil union. I also believe God is a fair God, he is no respector for persons. Not a reproductive source to multiply and be fruitful.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Ida Jo V. Persinger **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 520 Logan St. #404 **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Pentecostal Fellowship

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** X **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

I believe in treating a homosexual with consideration and Kindness. However, I do not believe or approve of homosexuals' lifestyle. Furthermore, according to the word of God, homosexuals are a perverse generation and do not receive God's blessing. Our country is founded on Godly principals. Therefore, please vote against civil unions. Our God created Adam and Eve. God did not create Adam and Steve! Please represent our country and establish civil unions between a man and women.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

Madame Chrwoman and members of the committee,

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NAME Judith F. Kelly **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 137 Fawn Ck. Tr Bozeman, MT 59715 **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

This nation was founded on the principles of family where marriage was defined as a union between one man and one woman. This was God's plan, upon which this nation was also based.

Because of this foundation our nation has gained much good.

The homosexual agenda is such that we consider their relationships ~~that we~~ to be similar to those of ~~hom~~ heterosexual couples. In a huge percent of cases, this is not true. In many cases (most cases) homosexuals / lesbians are ones who have 10-20-30-40-50 "relationships"/year. Their lifestyle is such that most of us consider disgusting. If they wish ~~their~~ to keep their lifestyle private, fine, but I do not wish to have their "alternative" lifestyle to be forced upon my children, grandchildren, nor me, by such that will definitely follow if "laws" like this pass.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

Thank you.

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Marrietta [illegible] **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 3800 Richman Rd **DATE** Jan 17, 2004

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? _____

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I oppose ~~this~~ HB259 on the civil union bill

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

MADAM-CHAIR AND COMMITTEE

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NAME DANCING BEAR BUDGET

ADDRESS 188 GRANTSDALE CUTOFF HAMILTON MT. 59840 DATE 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SELF

SUPPORT: OPPOSE X AMEND

COMMENTS: TO ME, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MY LIFE IS: BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD.

#1 IN FIRST CORINTHIANS 6-9
THE BIBLE PLAINLY STATES THAT HOMOSEXUALS
WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD
#2
HAVING SAID THAT:
IF TWO MEN OR TWO WOMEN WANT TO LAY
TOGATHER IN THE PRIVACY OF THEIR HOME
THAT IS THEIR BUSINESS AND I HAVE NO
PROBLEM WITH THAT. HAVING SAID THAT:
IF THE GAY COMUNITY TRIES TO FORCE THEIR WAY
OF LIFE DOWN MY THROAT, AND INFLUNCE THE
YOUNG PEOPLE OF THIS NATION. I AM OFFENDED
TO THE POINT THAT I AM OUTRAGED.

Dancing Bear

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

PLEASE OPPOSE H.B. 259

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Marilyn HATCH **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 332 Cumberland Lolo, Mt. 59847 **DATE** 1/17/2005

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

No special rights for homosexuals - Quit trying to destroy our families and our nation, trying to force your immorals on us. Quit recruiting our children into deviant and destructive lifestyles -

There is nothing Moral about homosexuality - Sodomy -

Our presence here is to express a truth, a warning to hopefully cause you to think about the death & destruction your lifestyle brings to yourself -

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NAME David Hughes **BUDGET** N/A

ADDRESS 1918 Jerome Pl. **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** X **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

Re: HB259 - Civil Unions are gay marriage by another name. Please, please, please support the obvious will of the social majority People in this regard and vote against this.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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BRUCEEN FLEENOR **PLEASE PRINT**

NAME Bruceen Fleenor **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 392 BLUE JAY LN. HAMILTON **DATE** 01-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? MY SELF

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

The people of Montana made it clear how they feel about this issue. This is wrong to even propose such a bill! Pretty soon it will be 3 people wanting a Civil Union etc.
It is wrong, wrong, wrong!
My sister and I lived together and raised our children together. Never, never should we ever be considered any thing but sharing our incomes and doing are best. God honored our family. And if you think this bill is an answer to the homosexuals you are greatly mistaken.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME Eugene Williams **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 150 Skeels St., #305 **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Myself

SUPPORT: _____ **OPPOSE** ✓ **AMEND** _____

COMMENTS:

I have had twenty copies of my testimony presented for the Committee.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Hershine BUDGET

ADDRESS 3801 6th Ave. N. - Great Falls DATE 17 Jan 05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE AMEND

COMMENTS:

The Pledge of Allegiance ends with -- "and justice for all."

Justice for all means justice for everyone. My partner and I of 12 years, pay taxes, mow the lawn and vote and yet our relationship is ~~not~~ treated like it does not exist. ~~at all~~.

Fairness would be treating us like the Pledge of Allegiance means exactly what it says, "Justice for All -"

Please do pass HB 259

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME CLAUDIA MONTAGUE BUDGET HB 259

ADDRESS 704 STATE DATE 1-17-05
HELENA MT 59601

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: ✓ OPPOSE AMEND

COMMENTS:

PLEASE SUPPORT HB 259. THIS BILL PROVIDES EQUAL RIGHTS & EQUAL PROTECTIONS TO ALL COMMITTED LOVING COUPLES. IT'S ABOUT FAIRNESS. THIS BILL PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR COMMITTED RELATIONSHIPS. IT'S ABOUT FAMILY STABILITY. THIS BILL EXTENDS RIGHTS ~~TO~~ THAT ARE DENIED TO SOME TO ALL. IT'S ABOUT EQUALITY.

IN THE SPIRIT OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S TIMELESS MESSAGE. OF FREEDOM & EQUALITY TO ALL, PLEASE PASS.

Claudia Montague

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Melissa Kwasny **BUDGET**

ADDRESS Box 123, Jefferson City 59638 **DATE** 1.17.05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS: We were told when Montana passed the anti-gay marriage ban that it wasn't a vote of intolerance but to protect the sanctity of marriage. Now is a chance to prove this. No one group should be granted priviledges and benefits denied to others. There are over one thousand of these granted to married heterosexual couples and denied to the rest. This bill would remedy this inequality. Many friends of mine are denied benefits ranging from insurance, tax, employment, inheritance to visiting rights because there is no way to legalize their long-term commitments to each other.

It is time for us to stand up for the rights of all.

Pass HB 259.

We, too, can be free of the sin of bigotry.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Heidi B. Kestrel **BUDGET**

ADDRESS P.O. Box 397 Florence 59833 **DATE** 01/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? self

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Marriage is often seen in a religious light and is sanctified by Christian churches. Marriage affords couples certain priveledges and responsibilities under Montana law. Civil Union, as laid out in HB 259 is not at all a religious issue. It is a legal issue. My life partner and I deserve the same rights + protections under the law as you and your spouses do.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

H B Kestrel

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME MARY G. LESLIE **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 508 NORTH THIRD AVE BOZEMAN MT 59715 **DATE** 1-17-2005

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? SELF

SUPPORT: HB-259 ✓ **OPPOSE** **AMEND** IF APPROPRIATE

COMMENTS:

IN DECEMBER OF 1996, MY PARTNER, ERIKA PANKOW, OF 8 YEARS WAS KILLED IN A WORKPLACE ACCIDENT. HER PARENTS, FROM WHOM SHE WAS ESTRANGED, FOUND IT LEGAL AND CONVENIENT TO TAKE HALF OF ALL OUR JOINT POSSESSIONS - MUTUAL FUNDS, IRA'S, OBJECTS FROM OUR HOME. THEY ALSO TOOK THE STATE WORKER'S COMP DEATH BENEFIT. THE ONLY REASON I KEPT MY HOUSE WAS BECAUSE IT WAS JOINT TENANCY WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP. IF THE HOUSE HAD ONLY BEEN WILLED TO ME, I WOULD HAVE HAD TO MOVE OUT WHILE IT WAS IN PROBATE. - IN MONTANA, EVEN COMMON-LAW MARRIED COUPLES HAVE MORE RIGHTS THAN THIS. - EVEN THOUGH WHAT THEY DID WAS WRONG, IT WAS LEGAL. AT THAT TIME, AND NOW, THERE WAS/IS LITTLE RECOGNITION BY MY WORKPLACE FOR BEREAVEMENT LEAVE EITHER. - I WOULD LIKE TO PUT A HUMAN FACE ON THE GAY COMMUNITY - I AM A WIDOW. I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT CIVIL UNIONS - I ASSURE YOU IF IT HAD BEEN AVAILABLE THEN, ERIKA AND I WOULD HAVE JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO SOLIDIFY OUR MUTUAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT.

/s/CommWitnessState.sample2003

SINCERELY

Mary G Leslie

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WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Amanda Froemsdorf **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 1612 Defoe, Msla, MT **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

This feels to myself and many others - as a deeply personal issue. But what it needs to be viewed as - a human rights issue. I believe that it would go against the constitution of the United States to deny this "pursuit of happiness" to Montanans. When seen at face value, this issue appears to be a simple. Does protecting the rights of couples in any way negate the rights of others?

I implore you to step back and view the issue with the lenses of justice, equality, and ethics. Your job is to uphold and create the law as you serve the interest of Montanans.

As a social worker, I am involved with many families and I observe the great lengths that the state and other organizations go to in order to keep families together. My concern is in having to explain to my children that while America stands for freedom, many families are denied equal protection under the law. Please protect American families.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Annalicia Howlett **BUDGET** _____

ADDRESS 1612 DeFoe **DATE** _____

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Montana Youth Queer Action Coalition

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** _____ **AMEND** 259

COMMENTS:

I am amazed that this is still an issue for the great state of Montana. How are we to have a equal state for all. when many Montanans are denied the basic right to ~~be e~~ have a civil union. How can we teach our children to love all & keep peace in a community when we show them that not everyone has the same rights. Please pass this bill. Its for the better of our state & the better of our nation to put this issue at rest.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Dawn Hayden BUDGET

ADDRESS 582 S. Rodney DATE 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE AMEND

COMMENTS:

"We the people" of montana deserve equality.
"We the people" of montana deserve fair treatment.
I write this statement in full support of
of HB 259. Please vote 'do pass'.
Each of us should have the opportunity
to enter into a legal contract offering
protections other montanans recieve.
This bill is fair. This bill is just.
This bill is right. I ask for your support.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Betty Kyewski BUDGET

ADDRESS Box 1523 DATE

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Myself & MHPN

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE AMEND

COMMENTS:

It's simple to me gay and lesbian people pay taxes, contribute thier industry, talent & intellect to our state. Gay & lesbian people vote. Why should they be denied equal access to the benefits & responsibility of law.

My gay & lesbian friends should be able to protect thier families with the legal guard rails my husband & I use to protect our family

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME MARY STRANAHAN BUDGET

ADDRESS ARLEE, MT DATE 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: X OPPOSE AMEND

COMMENTS:

MARTIN LUTHER KING would have supported this bill –
DO the right thing – vote for HB 259

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME John S Lewis **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 820 4th Ave N Great Falls, MT 59401 **DATE** 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT?

SUPPORT: #259 **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Civil Unions. It is the Just thing to do!

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME Linda R. Lewis **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 820 4th Ave. N. Great Falls, Mt **DATE** 1-17-05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Parents Friends Family of Lesbians & Gays

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

A civil union would be an institution of the state. The state should not be influenced by any religious organization. The state has an obligation to be just and that means for all. Some families look different than one male and one female and many same sex couples need the protection of a same sex union.

Please pass 259.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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NAME Jennifer Hendricks **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 717 5th Ave. Helena **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Although it would fall well short of the legal protections that my husband and I enjoy, civil unions would provide important, practical protections for gay families, and especially for children in those families. At the same time, it is consistent with the recent amendment reserving the religious institution of marriage for straight couples. This bill is a badly needed safety net and the only fair thing to do.

/s/CommWitnessState.sample2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Martha Kohl **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 307 Clancy St Helena **DATE**

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Self

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Married people like myself often take for granted all of the privileges that accompany that status: the right to make health decisions in an emergency, inheritance rights, health insurance through a spouse. These rights should not be available exclusively to hetero sexual couples.

~~Civil~~ The only arguments I can imagine against civil unions are based on religion. Since we have a separation of church and state I believe the legislature should pass this bill into law.

Thank you.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME Barbara Hoffmann BUDGET

ADDRESS 929 8th Ave DATE 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? No organization - here as an individual citizen

SUPPORT: ✓ OPPOSE AMEND

COMMENTS:

I support HB 259 to allow civil unions because I feel it is only fair that gay Montanans have the same rights and protections as other persons in a commited relationship.

/s/CommWitnessState.sample2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Andrea L. Kassner **BUDGET**

ADDRESS Victor, MT **DATE**

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? self

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Committee members: My name is Andrea and my much loved partner is Jo Alene. Between the two of us we have 7 children. On Oct 3rd, 2004 Jo and I were married by an ordained minister before our family and friends and God. We chose a public ceremony to erase shame and uplift our union to the ones we love. We have done all we can with legalities such as powers of attorney and wills to protect each other. But so much more could be done ~~by~~ to create equality for us in the eyes of the law. Please vote ~~to~~ DO PASS on HB 259 Civil Unions bill.

Thank you!

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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~~SB~~ HB 259

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Jayce Cox ~~BUDGET~~ Judiciary

ADDRESS 402 Dearborn Helena **DATE**

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Well Lives Project

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Please do not sacrifice my human dignity and Justice on the shifty Alter of "Morality"

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

PLEASE PRINT

NAME Tom Gocksch **~~BUDGET~~** Judiciary HB 259

ADDRESS 633 Leslie Ave Helena, MT **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? My Self

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

As a man who was born in Montana, educated in Montana an who now works for the State of Montana, I believe that All Montanans deserve the right to dignity + forming a union with someone I love as part of that.

I believe the Marriage has been sufficiently protected through the passage of CI-96 to allow Marriage to Survive. Civil Unions will not effect Marriage in any way.

Please allow Civil Unions to be voted on by the full house of Representatives

Thomas S. Gocksch

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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Judiciary Committee

HB259

WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Joseph Kellogg **~~BUDGET~~** Judiciary

ADDRESS 716 Elm St. **DATE** 1/17/05

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? Myself

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

Please support this initiative. We all have a right to love and show our commitment in a state-sanctioned way. I believe that Civil Unions would allow a way for Lesbian & Gay couples to show a rite of ceremony that is legally binding without infringing on the religious sanctity of marriage.

Thank you for taking the time to listen (read) carefully the pros & cons of this bill.

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Joy Lewis **BUDGET**

ADDRESS 704 State St. Helena 59601 **DATE** 1/17/04

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: ✓ **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

This is a "no brainer" bill. Equal rights should include "all" Montanans - gays, lesbians - anyone in a committed relationship. We should enjoy the same privledges that our heterosexual neighbors.

I am a 52 yr old lesbian in a committed relationship with no health insurance. My partner is fully insured as a retired state employee - being able to share her plan is all about equal rights for me and for hundreds of other people in similar situations.

Lets not forget that we are all human beings.

I fully support HB 259

/s/JudicWitnessState.2003

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WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Kelsen Young ~~**BUDGET**~~ Judiciary HB 259

ADDRESS PO Box 15, Helena **DATE** 1/17/2005

WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? myself

SUPPORT: X **OPPOSE** **AMEND**

COMMENTS:

I strongly support HB 259 sponsored by Representative Kaufman. I was born and raised in Montana and have returned to this state as a young adult. I am disappointed and frustrated with what I have seen as the treatment of gay & lesbian people & families in our state. I do not want to be part of a community that supports hatred and intolerance. Gay and lesbian families deserve the same level and type of protections that I as a heterosexual would be able to benefit from if I got married here in Montana. I would be proud to be from a state and live in a state that supports same sex couples and families. Please support HB 259 and send it to the floor for a vote.