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SB 199

SB 199 should not become law, because it guarantees a special and very high status to homosexuals to the detriment of christians, jews, muslims, and traditionalists here in Montana, who voted on Nov. 2, 2004 for the "Defense of Marriage Amendment" with the hope of encouraging morality.

When homosexuals became free from discrimination in N.Y. State many years ago, landlords had no grounds to complain about same sex behavior, which they and other heterosexuals found offensive. Tenants chose to move out of their apartments, rather than be offended. On Long Island there was a lovely stretch of ocean family resorts, which became gay ocean resorts in just a few years, because parents were determined to spare their children from immoral influences.

Those who wrote SB199 "Section 4. 49-2-305 #2 included an exemption for the rental of sleeping rooms in a private residence designed for a single family occupancy in which the owner also resides, provided that the owner rents no more than 3 sleeping rooms within the residence." No doubt the authors of this bill believed that the owner who might be offended by the homosexuals should not be forced by MT law to accommodate them. We don't believe that landlords should be forbidden the right to discriminate against unnatural, unhealthy, immoral or sinful behavior whether committed by heterosexuals or homosexuals, whether they own a huge apartment complex or a single family home.

Certainly, gays and lesbians have meaningful employment in MT both at the University of Montana and the Missoula public schools. If they don't try to influence their students concerning "sexual preference" there is no problem, but if they do, then the principals or deans should be allowed to fire them. The Boy Scouts of America should not be forced to hire homosexuals, as there is no justification for them to do so.

Wherever homosexuals are employed, if they don't flaunt their ways, there is no problem. However, the goal of the gay agenda in N.Y. was to flaunt homosexuality and then threaten those who opposed them with fines and or inprisonment. In N.Y. State christians , muslims, jews, and traditionalists are being bashed with impunity for their opposition to homosexuality by teachers, professors, writers, reporters, and actors. People like ourselves are being more and more intimidated by the lawsuits leveled at them by a greatly emboldened group of homosexuals and their supporters.

Truly, when the hate crimes and nondiscrimination law passed in N.Y. people who were offended by the behavior of homosexuals were no longer free to express their opposition to the Gay-Pride

Agenda. Employers, employees, and landlords were denied their First Amendment rights. I pray to God that what happened in N.Y. will not happen here! Oppose SB198.

Yours truly,
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