



MONTANA STATE SENATE

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

NAME Starshine

ADDRESS 3801 6th Ave. N.

HOME PHONE: 453-8989 WORK PHONE: _____

REPRESENTING self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL ? SB 199

DO YOU: SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

in 1969
When I began teaching in Helena Public Schools I was still pretending that marriage & children would cure me of being a lesbian. But neither marriage nor ^{healing} prayers "cured" me. I finally realized I was a lesbian & that God had so created me. Then I lived in fear that my principal would learn my dreadful secret for many years.

But our Pledge of Allegiance ends with "...and justice for all." Justice demands that everyone be treated equally - yet my partner & I of twelve years are not treated equally in the Montana & need do not live in fear.

Please make the Pledge of Allegiance mean what it says "Justice for all..." by passing S.B. 199.

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

LEGISLATIVE JUDICIARY

Exhibit No. 2

Date 1-17-05

Bill No. SB 199