

# COALITION TO SAVE MARRIAGE IN NEW YORK

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## **Coalition Calls on Lawmakers to Support New York's Families, Oppose Governor's Proposed Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage**

On April 27, Governor Eliot Spitzer introduced a program bill that would redefine the institution of marriage in New York to include homosexual partnerships.

In response, the Coalition to Save Marriage in New York has issued the attached Statement of Position.

We are deeply concerned about the proposed legislation. If passed, the Governor's bill would completely redefine the bedrock institution of our society in an effort to please a special interest group.

Our state government should do everything possible to strengthen and reinforce the institution of marriage. The proposed legislation would do the opposite.

We will make every effort to defeat this bill, and we urge our state legislators to do the same.

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The Coalition to Save Marriage in New York is a diverse, non-partisan association that seeks to protect the institution of marriage. Our purpose is to promote New York's current definition of marriage as a relationship between one woman and one man, and to stand against attempts to alter or expand that definition.

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## STATEMENT OF POSITION

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We, the undersigned organizations and individuals, have adopted the following Statement of Position regarding the institution of marriage in New York State:

Marriage is the joining together of one woman and one man in a lifelong, exclusive relationship of mutual care, support, and intimacy. The institution of marriage provides the basic family unit within which children are born and nurtured. Marriage is an essential building block of our society, not an archaic, outmoded tradition to be lightly redefined or cast aside. The legalization of same-sex “marriage” or civil unions would be detrimental to New York’s families, and would open the door to a host of negative consequences for our legal system and for future generations. Therefore, we call upon members of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly to sponsor S-2800/A-4978, the Defense of Marriage Act. We also strongly urge members of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly to vote against any bill that would legalize same-sex “marriage,” civil unions, or any other arrangement conferring marriage-like rights and responsibilities upon same-sex partners.

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The following individuals and organizations have endorsed the Statement of Position issued by the Coalition to Save Marriage in New York:

The Rt. Rev. William H. Love, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Albany

The Conservative Party of New York State  
New York, New York

New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms (NYCF)  
Spencerport, New York

American Family Association of New York (AFA of NY)  
Port Washington, New York

Caucus for America  
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