

COALITION TO SAVE MARRIAGE IN NEW YORK

CAPITOL STATION POST OFFICE

P.O. BOX 7252

ALBANY, NEW YORK 12224

(518) 364-5324

www.savemarriageny.org

Steering Committee:

Rev. Duane R. Motley
*New Yorkers for
Constitutional Freedoms**

Anne F. Downey, Esq.
*Concerned Women for
America of New York*

Rev. Bill Banuchi
*New York Christian Coalition
Marriage & Family Savers
Institute*

James P. Trainor, Esq.
*Allied Attorney, Alliance
Defense Fund*

William F. Carlson
*Association of Politically
Active Christians*

Stephen P. Hayford, Esq.
*Allied Attorney, Alliance
Defense Fund*

Advisory Committee:

Tony Perkins
*Family Research Council**

Rabbi Aryeh Spero
Caucus for America

Michael R. Long
*The Conservative Party of
New York State*

Rev. Stanley Key
*Loudonville Community
Church*

Debbie A. Cutler, Esq.
Cutler, Trainor & Cutler LLP

Daryl S. Cutler, Esq.
Cutler, Trainor & Cutler LLP

* All organizations listed for
identification purposes only.

For Immediate Release: Comment on the Assembly's Passage of Governor Spitzer's Same-Sex Marriage Bill – June 19, 2007

Today is a sad day in New York's history and a sad day for New York's families.

Contrary to the rhetoric of same-sex marriage advocates, the issue of same-sex marriage has nothing to do with civil rights and everything to do with morality. The legalization of same-sex marriage would erode family structures in New York, would coerce religious organizations, public officials, employers, and individuals to violate their consciences by recognizing same-sex marriages, and would place the state's stamp of approval on family structures that, by definition, deprive children of either a mother or a father. This bill is another example of government passing laws to placate small, vocal special interest groups, regardless of the impact upon the general public.

Today's vote in favor of same-sex marriage clearly demonstrates how out of touch the Assembly is with the majority of New Yorkers who oppose same-sex marriage.

The Coalition applauds Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno and the Senate Majority Conference for taking a stand in favor of New York's families and against this radical redefinition of the fundamental building block of our society.

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. To date, the following organizations have endorsed the Coalition's Statement of Position: The Conservative Party of New York State, New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, The Rt. Rev. William H. Love (Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Albany), American Family Association of New York, Caucus for America, Concerned Women for America of New York, New York Christian Coalition, New York Family Policy Council, Marriage & Family Savers Institute, and The Association of Politically Active Christians.