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Subsidizing futility

The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves. --Isaiah 3:9

The 40-years war waged by radical homosexuals to gain social and legal parity with heterosexuals in family law and marriage could be concluded before Easter. Word is that the *Domestic Partnership* bill, SB 5336, is on its way to the House floor for a final vote. But sources say a leading Democrat wants to amend the measure. Rep. Mark Miloscia is said to be troubled that the bill reserves marriage-like benefits only for people who are legally married or involved in intimate homosexual relationships.

News of at least one Democrat defector has infuriated the bill's godfather, Sen. Ed Murray (D-Seattle). Murray doesn't pretend his legislation is for any purpose other than to elevate homosexuality and says he will kill the bill if Miloscia doesn't stand down.

Miloscia, a Catholic, has been given a nod from Seattle's Catholic Archbishop Alexander Brunett and a handful of evangelical activists. Brunett thinks it is unconscionable to create special rights for homosexual couples while disallowing benefits to others who lack the political clout of the gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender community. But while some evangelicals see Miloscia's proposed amendment as a face-saver to avoid the appearance of a total rout at the hands of radical homosexuals—others don't want to go there.

John R. Diggs, a medical doctor, doesn't want to go there either. He says, "Encouraging people to engage in risky sexual behavior undermines good health and can result in a shortened life span. Yet that is exactly what employers and governmental entities are doing when they grant GLB [gay, lesbian, bisexual] couples benefits or status that make GLB relationships appear more socially acceptable."¹

In recent testimony before the House Committee on the Judiciary, the *Christian Coalition* submitted copies of medically and scientifically accurate studies on the negative health effects of homosexuality. Suggesting that what government wants less of it taxes and more of it subsidizes, we urged the committee to review the studies before voting to subsidize homosexual relationships. As expected our testimony was not appreciated.

Nevertheless, homosexual sex is risky and it is abhorrent. Dr. Diggs says "Men having sex with other men leads to greater health risks than men having sex with women not only because of promiscuity but also because of the nature of sex among men." He refers to a British researcher who summarizes the danger as follows:

"Male homosexual behavior is not simply either 'active' or 'passive,' since penile-anal, mouth-penile, and hand-anal sexual contact is usual for both partners, and mouth-anal contact is not infrequent...Mouth-anal contact is the reason for the relatively high incidence of disease cause by bowel pathogens in male homosexuals."

"Anal intercourse," according to Dr. Diggs, "is the sine qua non of sex for many gay men.

Yet human physiology makes it clear that the body was not designed to accommodate this activity. The rectum is significantly different from the vagina with regard to suitability for penetration by a penis. The vagina has natural lubricants and is supported by a network of muscles. It is composed of a mucus membrane with a multi-layer stratified squamous epithelium that allows it to endure friction without damage and to resist the immunological actions caused by semen and sperm. In comparison, the anus is a delicate mechanism of small muscles that comprise an 'exit-only' passage. With repeated trauma, friction and stretching, the sphincter loses its tone and its ability to maintain a tight seal. Consequently, anal intercourse leads to leakage of fecal material that can easily become chronic."²

A range of diseases (rare among heterosexuals) are in fact racing through the "gay" community. They include: colonitis, mucosal ulcers in the rectum, and psoriasis of the rectum and genitals known as Kobner's phenomenon. Amebiasis, Giardiasis, and Shigellosis are even dubbed *Gay Bowel Syndrome*.

In his book, Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth, Dr. Jeffrey Satinover, also a medical doctor writes: "The correlation between male homosexuality and disease has been recognized for at least two thousand years." He notes that the Apostle Paul, writing during the heyday of the Roman Empire when licentiousness was rampant, observed that "Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves [sometimes translated *in their bodies*] the due penalty for their perversion." (Rms 1:27)

Satinover warns that the risk of contracting the AIDS virus during a random and single act of unprotected heterosexual intercourse is 1-in-715,000 even in the absence of any information about one's partner. But a single act of unprotected intercourse with a twenty to thirty-year-old male homosexual carries with it a transmission risk of roughly 1-in-165. According to Satinover, epidemiologists estimate that one-third of all twenty-year-old homosexual males will be HIV-positive or dead of AIDS by the time they are thirty.³

Many legislators are conflicted when it comes to homosexual issues. Some have close family members who are in the "lifestyle." We understand their support for loved ones. Our purpose in providing documents to lawmakers is to inform, not to condemn. With that in mind, we arranged for Renee and Gloria, two well-grounded Christian ladies, to accompany us to the hearing. Both are part of a small group of ex-gays and lesbians with whom we regularly meet. They were understandably nervous when called forward to testify in opposition to SB 5336.

Renee testified that never during 30 years as a lesbian did she feel discriminated against because of her "perceived" sexuality. Quite the opposite—she thinks it was probably a career enhancer. Renee says the inequities Sen. Murray's bill claims to address, don't exist.

Gloria told the Judiciary Committee that she now knows her involvement in lesbian relationships stemmed from deep, unmet needs in her childhood. Speaking directly to domestic partnerships, she said, "This issue is being pushed by certain radical extremists with an agenda. That agenda is to silence the Judeo-Christian God and His Word and His Son forever. Psalm 2 says it all: *Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot a futile thing? The kings of the earth take their stand against the Lord and against His Anointed One.*"

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¹ John R. Diggs, Jr., M.D., *The Health Risks of Gay Sex*, Corporate Resource Council, 2002, Executive Summary.

² *Ibid.*, pp.2-3

³ Jeffrey Satinover, M.D., Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth, 1996, Hamewith Books, Grand Rapids, MI., pp.57-58.