



Dear Pastor,

Marriage and morality are under attack again in Oregon!

**On May 9th**, Governor Ted Kulongoski—in conjunction with a highly partisan legislature, and in a private, invitation only ceremony—assumed a moral authority which no Oregon Governor or elected official has ever been granted.

With his signature on **House Bill 2007**, he and the legislature, participated in a politically driven circumvention of the will of the people and the Oregon Constitution as confirmed in 2004 with **Measure 36**.

**HB 2007** created '*Domestic partnerships*', which is nothing less than '*same sex marriage*' by another name, an unjustified social fabrication manufactured at the behest of the Governor, and approved by the legislature to circumvent the Constitutional Amendment **overwhelmingly approved by the people of Oregon in 2004**. The people said then and the Constitution says now, that marriage is "between a man and a woman only."

By signing this bill into Oregon law, the Governor, every democrat, and three republicans in the Oregon Legislature, artfully and unlawfully conferred to '*same sex partners*' in Oregon, the **same rights and benefits of marriage** reserved for a man and a woman **only**, thus impugning and ignoring the will of the people, the Oregon Constitution and the importance of God ordained marriage and family. At the same ceremony, he signed SB 2, granting special rights and privileges to those who practice immoral behavior, further eroding our moral base in Oregon.

**And now, we must say "NO" again.**

If we do not, those who disagree with the people, and wish to force a new view of morality, marriage, and family, will be emboldened, and our efforts to protect and preserve these institutions will be further challenged, eroded, and ultimately redefined.

We encourage you therefore to go to [www.concernedoregonians.com](http://www.concernedoregonians.com), order the necessary materials and urge your congregations to sign **petitions 303 and 304**. **57,179 valid signatures** on each petition must be turned in to the Secretary of State by **September 25<sup>th</sup> on HB 2007 and it's companion bill, SB 2, to place both on the November 2008 General Election Ballot, at which time Oregonians can exercise their VOTE.**\*

Respectfully,

David Crowe

\*Church and pastor participation on moral issues is entirely legal and will not jeopardize your tax exempt status.

“Never place a period  
where God has placed a comma”  
(Grace Allen)



God is still speaking.

PARKROSE COMMUNITY  
**UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST



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July 24, 2007

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Mr. David Crowe  
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Dear Mr. Crowe:

Your letter addressed to Parkrose Community United Church of Christ concerning HB 2007 and SB 2 arrived today. You requested in the letter that I as the pastor of the congregation ask members of the church to sign petitions demanding that both pieces of legislation be overturned. I will not do that.

As you know, both pieces of legislation expanded basic civil rights for gay and lesbian Oregonians. Gay and lesbian citizens are now afforded important domestic partnership benefits that will help strengthen families and it is now illegal to discriminate against gays and lesbians in areas such as employment.

Your letter states that that “marriage and morality are under attack.” Mr. Crowe, it is your actions in support of legal discrimination that damage the moral fabric of our state. Jesus calls on us to be a people of justice and reconciliation. Discrimination is incompatible with Christianity.

As a minister in the United Church of Christ, I was proud to stand with religious leaders from across Oregon in support of HB 2007 and SB 2. While Parkrose Community United Church of Christ has not taken a stand on these issues as of yet we are an “Open and Affirming” church that celebrates the gift of human diversity given to us by God. Furthermore, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ has called for full legal equality for our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters.

I will work and pray for the defeat of your efforts.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Chuck Currie  
Interim Minister