

Same Sex Marriage Bill for Washington State

Correspondence History between Karl Duff,
State Senator Derek Kilmer, and Pastor Kevin Lea

From: Kilmer, Sen. Derek
To: 'Karl Duff'
Cc: Kevin Lea
Sent: Saturday, January 14, 2012 8:58 PM
Subject: RE: Marriage for Same Sexes

Thanks for the continued correspondence, Karl. I've put a lot of time into thinking about this and praying about it. I have had conversations [with] my pastor and others from my church about it. Those conversations have led to the evolution of my opinion on this subject.

Regardless of what one thinks of homosexuality, promoting more stability and fidelity in relationships of all kinds and ensuring that people in committed relationships and their families have basic protections makes sense to me.

I understand that you don't agree with my point of view and I respect that difference.

Derek

From: kduff@ix.netcom.com
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Subject: Re: Marriage for Same Sexes
Date: Mon, 16 Jan 2012 21:13:34 -0800

Dear Derek,

Your explanation of how your opinion regarding homosexual marriage has "evolved" is not sufficient to warrant me or a majority of voters to entrust our vote to you. You need to call for a state referendum on the topic.

Agreed?

How much do you really understand about the science and physiology of homosexual behavior? I doubt very much. Do you agree it closely resembles drug and alcohol behavior?"

Did you read the important reference book "After the Ball"?

I did three years of research on the topic, including (a) causes, (b) consequences and (c) therapies and would be glad to share the resulting paper with you, which was newspaper published. Are you interested?

Respectfully, Karl Duff

From: Kevin Lea [mailto:kevinl_calvarypo@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 3:30 PM
To: Kilmer, Sen. Derek
Cc: Karl Duff; kevinl_calvarypo@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: Marriage for Same Sexes

Dear Derek,

Karl Duff forwarded me your response to him about the same sex marriage issue. I (Pastor Kevin Lea) was the one that Karl brought to the meeting we had at Sheri's in Port Orchard a couple years ago when we were discussing the "everything but marriage" bill. Also present was a friend from South Sudan, James Olal. I hope you remember our meeting.

As Karl said, we had warned you that your approval of "everything but marriage" would be a stepping stone to further moves by the homosexual lobby to get full legal recognition in same sex marriage. At the time you disagreed, but now that day has come just as we thought.

If you legalize same-sex marriage, you will force God fearing people to sin. How? Because your vote to give same sex marriage equal footing with God sanctioned normal marriage will force (through the resultant educational mandates) children to be taught that that same-sex marriage is moral when God says it is not.

I am sure you are aware that the homosexual lobby wants any student who would use his or her free speech rights to say otherwise in the classroom to be declared a bully by school administration, and disciplined as such. This is already happening in some schools, even in states that have not legalized immorality.

Does this "make sense" to you? Really? As an American? As a professing Christian?

You claim you believe in the scriptures, but you either do not know what they say or don't care. Isaiah was a prophet to Israel just before they were destroyed (for a time) by God's judgment.

Chapter 5 of his prophecy applies to our topic:

Isa 5:20-21 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes (i.e., say, "makes sense to me), And prudent in their own sight! NKJV

If you vote yes, think of the tens of thousands of God fearing parents and children who your decision will affect. They will have to endure schools teaching children about anal sex - and that it is perfectly normal (when it is not) and healthy if done with "protection" (when it is certainly not). What does your "pastor" think about this? Does he agree with your decision to vote yes?

The following scripture applies to you and all who think like you including Governor Gregoire:

Luke 17: Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. So watch yourselves."

What you are doing is directly apposed to the Word of God and you must know it. I suspect that the only reason you are doing it is because you know the power and money that resides with those pushing the homosexual agenda. If you don't do what they say, they would crucify you, the same way they crucify people of faith. The only people you represent are the people who have enough money to sway your decisions.

For this, Jesus gives you another warning:

Matt 16:26-27 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. NKJV

If you claim yourself a Christian, then Jesus Christ should be your Lord and He has made his views very clear in the above verses. You need to reverse your decision or you will be in danger of offending the very Lord you claim you know. You would be better off losing the next election than losing your soul.

So what is it going to be Derek? You are now in the same situation as Adam and Eve. Will you follow God (Jesus) or Satan? God says homosexuality is a sin (Romans 1). Satan says do whatever feels good. It appears you have chosen to let Satan be your lord instead of Jesus. If so, you have made a very damning mistake.

I pray you will come to your senses while there is still time,

Sincerely,
Pastor Kevin Lea

From: Derek.Kilmer@leg.wa.gov
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Date: Sat, 4 Feb 2012 02:29:29 +0000

Pastor Lea-

It is good to hear from you. I appreciate you taking the time to write.

I know that the debate around marriage equality has spurred passion on all sides. I've had dozens of conversations with constituents on all sides of the issue, and I've received hundreds (if not thousands) of emails from proponents and opponents. I've visited with folks at the Methodist church I attend in Gig Harbor – some of whom supported the bill and others of whom opposed it. You asked how my pastor viewed the bill, and I asked him: He supported it.

As I indicated before, it was important to me that religious marriage remains as it always has been – a matter for each faith tradition to decide for itself. I was pleased that the bill included strong religious exemptions. Moreover, I supported numerous amendments that added protections for religious institutions and organizations.

In the end I supported this bill – just as I supported prior bills dealing with equal rights. As a legislator, a husband, and a father, I do not feel diminished by having any one else experience the joys and benefits that I enjoy. My faith dictates that I love and respect all people, that I live by the Golden Rule, and that I don't judge others.

As I wrote previously, I know that we disagree on this issue, but I value you taking the time to reach out. Please know that I will continue to work in Olympia to balance the state budget, help our local businesses succeed, and ensure our kids get a great education.

Best,
Derek

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From: Kevin Lea

To: Derek Kilmer

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Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2012 1:39 PM

Subject: RE: Pastor Kevin's final response to Senator Kilmer - same sex marriage

Dear Senator Kilmer,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my email, especially since I know you have received thousands on this topic.

Obviously I am grieved about your position and the affect it will have on all Washingtonians.

Your assurances of protection for religious institutions and organizations will (in the end) prove to be just as meaningless as your earlier assurances to Karl and I that you were against same sex marriage when you were supportive of everything-but-marriage. Subsequent laws forced upon us by the homosexual lobby will undo any protective amendments you and others attached to this bill.

My earlier letter to you was not about what this law would do to religious institutions and organizations, but about concerns for PEOPLE who fear God and want to raise their families accordingly. In your decision to be "fair" to the homosexual lobby, you have trampled on the convictions of God fearing people.

There is a family in our congregation who make their living in photography. A large part of their business has been shooting weddings. They will no longer be able to shoot any weddings because they know what will happen if they refuse to shoot a same sex wedding, which should be their protected right to do. This is just one example of what you (and those with you) have done to the God fearing citizens of this State. There are many more.

There is no doubt that we (Washington and the Nation) are headed down the same road traveled by Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus said this would be the case (in the whole world) in the last days (Luke 17:26-30). The result will be the same (judgment - the Tribulation period).

Those who helped it happen will be more responsible when they stand before God. Karl and I have tried to warn you (Ezekiel 3:16-27), but you have blown us off just like most of Lot's family (Gen 19).

I pray you will open your eyes to the truth and repent, asking for forgiveness for this grievous sin before it is too late. I also grieve for your pastor, who will be even more responsible.

Sincerely,

Pastor Kevin Lea