



August 26, 2009

Dear Chair of the House Judiciary Committee and Members,

I am writing on behalf of House Bill 4192, sponsored by Representative Rebekah Warren, and would like to urge you to oppose this legislation.

Citizens for Traditional Values believes in the importance of individual freedom and civil rights for all. However, we do not believe in granting special rights for different people groups. It is important to retain equal coverage under the law for all citizens without regard to special circumstances.

While we agree that there is a need to decrease discriminatory practices we are concerned with the sweeping language in this bill. One example is in section 302(a) which refers to the "full and equal enjoyment" of public accommodations based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. Such language could open the door to situations in public facilities that would prove unsafe for women and children.

We appreciate your service to the people of Michigan and again would urge you to vote no on HB 4192.

If you have any further questions on our position with this issue, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 517-321-1390.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Hawkins".

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