

Support Marriage in the 113th Congress

U.S. House of Representatives

H.R. 3829 State Marriage Defense Act

(Rep. Randy Weber, TX-14)

▶ ***Prevents federal undermining of state marriage laws***

Works within the constraints of *United States v. Windsor* to carve out protection for the 33 states that have public policy in support of natural marriage. Requires the federal government to defer to the laws of a person's state of residency in determining their marital status for federal purposes. Prevents the federal government from ignoring the limits of the *Windsor* decision and keeps agencies from imposing universal same sex marriage recognition on the states. Gives marriage advocates time to protect state public policy on marriage while working towards longer term efforts like H.J. Res. 51.

H.J. Res. 51 Marriage Protection Amendment

(Rep. Tim Huelskamp, KS-01)

▶ ***Establishes a federal definition of marriage via constitutional amendment***

Introduces an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would define marriage as the union of one man and one woman for the federal government and would require all state marriage policy to be in accordance with the federal definition.

H.R. 3133 Marriage and Religious Freedom Act

(Rep. Raúl Labrador, ID-01)

▶ ***Prevents federal discrimination against organizations or individuals with religious beliefs in the importance of natural marriage***

Prohibits the federal government from taking an adverse action or discriminating in tax treatment or federal programs against a person or organization with a religious belief in natural marriage.



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U.S. Senate

S.2024 State Marriage Defense Act

(Senator Ted Cruz, TX, and Senator Mike Lee, UT)



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S. 1808 Marriage and Religious Freedom Act

(Senator Mike Lee, UT)



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Prohibits the federal government from taking an adverse action or discriminating in tax treatment or federal programs against a person or organization with a religious belief in natural marriage. Ensures that a person's religious belief in marriage as the union of one man and one woman cannot be used to deny or exclude that person from federal programs or benefits such as a grant, contract, license, certification, accreditation, or employment.

