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Seven Pro Same-Sex House Candidates Given Reason to Celebrate by SCOTUS Non-Decision

Seven candidates for the West Virginia House of Delegates hoping to redefine marriage to include same-sex couples were given reason to celebrate by yesterday's non-decision by the US Supreme Court. McGrath (13th), Wong (35th), Flowers (42nd), Manypenny (49th), Sponaugle (55th), Barrett (61st), Lawrence (65th) and Skinner (67th) are all running campaigns funded in part by contributions from same-sex activists with hopes that outside interests will redefine marriage in West Virginia, according to campaign finance reports recently filed by each candidate with the Secretary of State's office.

And as they had hoped, the Supreme Court's refusal to hear appeals from Virginia (4th), Oklahoma and Utah (10th), Indiana and Wisconsin (7th) means that same-sex marriages will immediately begin, since the federal courts of appeal with jurisdiction over those states have already ruled in favor of same-sex marriage.

States, like West Virginia, that still recognize and perform only one man, one woman marriages will not be able to do so for long. Now, churches, businesses and individuals in these states with public accommodation laws covering sexual orientation are at increased risk for lawsuits for refusing to facilitate or host same-sex ceremonies.

Allen Whitt, President of The Family Policy Council of West Virginia issued this statement in light of today's decision, "Marriage has always been – and will always be – between a man and a woman. Ultimately, no court can change that truth. So regardless of legal outcomes, we'll continue to address the importance of one-man, one-woman marriage to families, society and especially for children who have a right to both a mother and a father... Over the last 15 years, more than 40 million Americans in more than 30 states have voted at the ballot box to define marriage as one man and one woman and in the last 12 months, some U.S. judges have attempted to erase those votes."

Whitt goes on to outline a few dangers of the decision, "Legalizing same-sex marriage comes at a high cost: it costs kids either a mom or a dad (who are not interchangeable), and it costs people of faith their First Amendment rights as government imposes the new definition across all aspects of society. We need to carefully count that cost before be run headlong into this latest social experiment with marriage."

About The Family Policy Council of West Virginia

The Family Policy Council of West Virginia is The Mountain State's leading conservative policy group championing social issues. The group positively influences state laws, state lawmakers and state elections to defend the constitutional right of religious freedom for the state's families and churches.

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