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Opponents Charge: Marriage Amendment Will Adversely Affect Heterosexuals

Homosexuals say law would do more than ban homosexual "marriage"

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HJR 1001 (Amendment C): Only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in South Dakota. The uniting of two or more persons in a civil union, domestic partnership, or other quasi-marital relationship shall not be valid or recognized in South Dakota.

month yielded some surprising results for South Dakota's marriage protection amendment: only 41% said they support the amendment and 49% said they opposed it.

This is in stark contrast to a *Baptist Press* report about several other states which will have similar amendments on their ballots in November, such as Tennessee where 76% of those polled say they will support the amendment.



says the objections being put out by the opposition are not valid.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Opponents of South Dakota's proposed marriage protection amendment, which was approved by 72% of the state legislature and goes to the ballot November 7, are gearing up their campaign to convince voters the bill is a bad deal. Their focus is not only on the "civil rights" angle common to homosexual apologists, but a new twist involves telling heterosexuals it will hinder them, as well.

The chief reason for the amendment to define marriage as being between a man and a woman in the South Dakota constitution is to ensure that judges cannot declare existing marriage laws null and void as they have tried to do in other states. It will also prevent South Dakota from being forced to recognize homosexual "marriage" if two men or two women are considered "married" in another state that might allow it.

One objection is that the marriage amendment will jeopardize domestic violence protections for women living with men outside of marriage, but Kraus says South Dakota laws only require that the two parties be living together. The marriage amendment, she says, will have no effect on domestic violence protections or law enforcement. South Dakota Codified Law 25-10-1 defines those who are covered by domestic violence protections as

A Mason-Dixon poll commissioned Rep. Elizabeth Kraus (R-Rapid City), by the Sioux Falls *Argus Leader* last

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Dynamic Pro-Life Group to Travel South Dakota Supporting Referred Law 6

Bound4Life works to prove that sometimes red tape might save lives

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SOUTH DAKOTA—Be warned: you may see an unusual sight around South Dakota during the month of September. Don't be surprised if you see groups of people standing by a road or building with red tape over their mouths. If the tape has the word "LIFE" printed on it, however, don't be alarmed; these folks are in our state to help protect life.

Bound4Life, a Washington D.C. based prayer group, arrived in South Dakota during August and will be going around the state with pro-life South Dakotans for the next month or so. They will be praying, fasting, and protesting the loss of innocent, unborn life.

Bound4Life is a prayer group that holds what they call "Silent Sieges" at abortion clinics and court houses. They also emphasize fasting as they appeal to the "High Court of Heaven" for justice for the unborn. The group says they have stood before the U.S. Supreme Court

building with red tape on their mouths imprinted with "LIFE" since October 2004, regardless of the weather conditions. The group has chapters in Connecticut, Chicago, Kansas City, San Diego, St. Louis and many other locations around the nation.

Bound4Life grew out of a movement called "The Cause" in 2004, which in turn grew out of another movement started in 2000 called "The Call;" a key focus of the group is the mandate in 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to pray for government leaders and those in authority. All this was originally started by a man named Lou Engle who had a vision of a prayer and intercession ministry, which has come to adopt the "go into your closet to pray, then come out to vote" motto of Bound4Life.

The trademark red "LIFE" tape the group has become known for came from a vision someone had where they saw people gathered near the U.S. Supreme Court with red tape over their mouths imprinted with the word "LIFE." On opening day of



the Supreme Court session in 2004, the group "did the dream" and used the red tape for the first time. Since then, the practice has spread to other parts of the world including India, South Africa and Europe.

Matt Lockett is heading up the Bound4Life ministry in South Dakota. The group's connection to South Dakota began when Marc Tarr of Sioux Falls traveled to South

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