

The Honorable _____
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AJR 19 - oppose

Dear Senator _____ :

I am writing in opposition to AJR 19 by Asm. Julia Brownley. This resolution asks Congress and the President to repeal the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). The vast majority of states have a DOMA law or a constitutional amendment protecting marriage. These were either passed by the elected representatives of the people or by the people themselves, as in California.

DOMA rightly and simply affirms the power of each state to set its own policy in terms of accepting or rejecting same-sex marriages. Repealing DOMA could invalidate the votes of millions of Americans across the country who passed constitutional amendments protecting marriage between one man and one woman, the foundation of civilized society for thousands of years.

This resolution is particularly troubling coming in the legislative session following our vote on Prop 8. How many times do the people of California have to vote to support traditional marriage before our own legislators begin to support the will of the people who elected them?

Please oppose AJR 19. I would like to hear how you plan to vote.

Sincerely,