## Talking points: The homosexual marriage ruling is unconstitutional and illegitimate.

- 1. There is no "fundamental right" to same-sex marriage in the Massachusetts constitution. It simply does not exist. It's a product of tortured logic by activist judges.
- 2. The Massachusetts constitution states that the judiciary may not make laws. Only the legislature can make laws. The legislature must assert its rightful authority.
- 3. The constitution says that the state's marriage laws may only be defined by the governor and the legislature. Not the courts. (And in recent rulings, this same Supreme Judicial Court has said the same thing.)
- 4. Chief Justice Margaret Marshall's participation in this case violated judicial ethics. She made a speech advocating the extension of homosexual rights at a fundraiser for a gay group. The Massachusetts Code of Judicial Conduct clearly says she should have disqualified herself from the homosexual marriage case because she had publicly demonstrated a bias on that issue. And a judge may not be a speaker at a fundraiser. There's more: Marshall participated in an awards ceremony for the homosexual plaintiffs' lawyer another reason she should have disqualified herself.
- 5. **The people are being denied any say in this.** It is a fundamental change and disruption of society. The constitution says that the people must have the ultimate power. The legislature must answer to <u>us</u>. Not to the media or the homosexual lobby.
- 6. **The bill of address is there for a reason.** It's part of the "checks and balances". Both Adams and Jefferson warned that "a despotic judiciary" is the biggest threat to democracy. This is an extraordinary situation, and the bill of address must be used.
- 7. The "civil rights" argument is an enormous fraud by homosexual activists. They say that courts had to step in and overturn segregation and other injustices. But all of the Civil Rights rulings were based on legitimate constitutional law, not imaginary law. (If same-sex marriage is so good, why can't they ever get it passed legitimately?)
- 8. **It's the job of the legislature to protect us from these destructive forces.** We raise our families and pay our taxes here. We demand you do your job.
- 9. Forcing homosexual marriage to be legally recognized as "normal" will definitely result in:
  - Legal harassment of groups (e.g., Boy Scouts, churches, media) that do not accept homosexuality.
  - Legally protected homosexual programs in pubic schools for children.
  - Enforcement of "gay-inclusive" language in the workplace, schools, government, etc.
  - Requirement that all businesses, public agencies, schools, churches, etc., include homosexual benefits packages and treat same-sex marriages exactly as normal marriages.
  - "Hate-speech" laws and heavy fines for criticizing homosexual behavior.
  - Requirement that all churches and justices of the peace perform homosexual marriages or face penalties.
  - Requirement that all adoption agencies equally consider homosexuals as parents.
  - "No rational basis for discrimination" opens door to further changes in definition of marriage, including polygamy (already being challenged in some places).