

Dear Sir/madam,

I wish to make a submission to the committee dealing with the Bill named above

I understand that the purpose of the Bill is to allow people in so-called "same sex" relationships or other unmarried relationships to avoid giving evidence against their "partner" in criminal cases. This proviso has always been reserved to married couples.

I am opposed to other relationships being treated the same as marriage because they are often unstable, transient and serve no useful purpose to society; in fact, they are often deleterious. They do not usually form through a sense of commitment to the other person or children born through the relationship, if applicable.

This bill seems to serve no useful purpose except to attempt to equate marriage with any other relationship. Moreover, it could be abused if people falsely claimed a relationship to a witness against them.

Yours sincerely,

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