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SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE LEGAL & CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RE THE "EVIDENCE AMENDMENT BILL 2008"

The essence of the marriage covenant between a man and a woman surely gives it THE SOLE RIGHT of protection from having to give evidence against one another. The extension of this to other partnership relationships opens the door for people involved in criminal activity to disclaim legitimate evidence against them. Experience reveals that many of these other relationships are fickle and short-lived, without a true foundation.

Dr. Lisa Diamond, associate Professor in psychology and gender studies at the University of Utah, has done a longitudinal study of 80 some-sex attracted females and found that, after 5 years, one quarter no longer identified as lesbian or bi-sexual. Having graduated, they then dropped this identification, and were jokingly labelled "LUGS" - Lesbians Until Graduation. (Journal of Personality and Social Psychology Vol.84 No 2, 2003 pp 352-364)

"Gay Rights" activist, Michael Glatze, founder of Young Gay America and editor of its magazine, received numerous awards, including the National Role Model Award from the major homosexual rights organization Equality Forum". He produced the first major documentary film to address homosexual teen suicide - "Jim In Bold" which toured the world and received numerous "best in festival" awards. ( We know a young man (enticed into a homosexual relationship by an older man) who committed suicide at age 16.)

Michael Glatze later concluded "something didn't feel right" and sought healing from his homosexuality. His full story can be found on: [w.w.w.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE ID= 56481](http://w.w.w.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE ID= 56481)

In view of the unstable nature of these relationships, rights of equal value to marriage relationships should never be enshrined in Law.

Thank you for seriously "weighing up" these views.

Yours faithfully,

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