

Merion Friends Meeting
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The Honorable Thomas Corbett
Governor of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Corbett,

Merion Friends Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) has come to unity in support of same-sex marriage. I am writing to you on behalf of the Meeting to request that you put the power and influence of your office to work to achieve the goal of legalizing same-sex marriage in Pennsylvania.

Friends believe that there is that of God in everyone and that, therefore, all should be treated equally. We also believe that the promptings of the Inner Light can lead us to new truths.

In Friends' marriage ceremonies it is the love for one another and the commitment to one another, declared by the couple in the presence of the Divine Spirit, which sanctify the marriage. We are clear that this applies equally to same-sex and opposite-sex couples. Therefore, we declare our intention that if asked by any of our members to conduct a same-sex marriage, we would respond affirmatively. It is our earnest wish that in addition to being Divinely ordained, such marriages also be recognized by the State of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely,

Douglas L. Costa, Clerk
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