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REPRESENTATIVE MIKE KELLY HOUSE DISTRICT 7

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Dear Constituent,

I want to alert you to the April 3rd statewide election. This election will ask the question, "Shall the legislature adopt a proposed amendment to the state constitution, to be considered by the voters at the 2008 general election that would prohibit the state, or a municipality or other subdivision of the state, from providing employment benefits to same-sex partners of public employees and to same-sex partners of public employee retirees?" The April 3rd election is your opportunity to send a message to the legislature.

The Alaska Supreme Court has ordered that same sex partners of public employees must be given the same health and retirement benefits as married couples. Many Alaskans feel this decision runs contrary to the constitutional amendment adopted by the people of Alaska in 1998 that defined marriage as a union of one man and one woman. Other Alaskans support the Court's action. I urge you to get to the polls on April 3rd and to encourage your family and friends to do likewise. Vote absentee if you will be out of town on April 3rd. This vote is your opportunity to send a message to the legislature.

I believe the people of Alaska spoke clearly in 1998 when they voted to define and protect marriage. I believe the legislature should once again give Alaskans the opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment giving direction to the Court. I will be voting "yes" on April 3rd.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Kelly".

Representative Mike Kelly
House District 7