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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON

**PHILLIP LEMONS et al,**

**Civil No. 3:07-CV-01782-MO**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**BILL BRADBURY, Secretary of the  
State of Oregon, in his official capacity,  
et al,**

**DECLARATION OF  
MAURA ROCHE**

**Defendants.**

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1. I, MAURA ROCHE, am a registered lobbyist who works on behalf of Basic Rights Oregon, amicus in this proceeding.
  2. One of the primary legislative objectives for Basic Rights Oregon has been to enact legislation that gives same-sex couples in committed

relationships comparable rights, responsibilities and benefits as opposite sex couples who are legally married.

3. In 2005, SB 1000 was introduced. Among other provisions, SB 1000 would have allowed same sex couples to have legally recognized relationships and thus receive benefits and rights comparable to marriage. That legislation was the first of its kind introduced in Oregon and received significant public attention. Newspapers throughout state editorialized in favor of the bill. In addition, there were over 10 hours of hearing on the issue. SB 1073, a bill that only addressed civil unions, was also introduced and received public testimony.
4. In those public hearings, same sex couples told stories of how they had been harmed by not having the right to have their relationship legally recognized. Exhibits A through E of this affidavit are copies of the testimony that they provided in the Senate Rules Committee hearing on May 4, 2005 and June 7, 2005.
5. SB 1000 passed overwhelming in the Oregon Senate, but was never allowed to come for a vote on the House floor.
6. In 2007, HB 2007 was introduced. That legislation passed both chambers and was signed by the Governor. During hearings on HB 2007 (held April 9 and April 25), many individuals testified about the

harm caused them by not having their relationship legally recognized.

Exhibits F through K are copies of testimony given by these individuals.

7. Exhibit L is a summary of the "Measure History" for each of these pieces of legislation, available on the website of the Oregon State Legislature at [http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills\\_laws/](http://www.leg.state.or.us/bills_laws/). The highlighted dates are those Committee Hearings in which I was present and the testimony referenced above was given. Audio records of those hearings are available at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/listn/listenset.htm>.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Oregon that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 21 day of December, 2007

By: Maura Roche  
Maura Roche