

Straight and LGBT teams join together to Stand Up Straight for Equal Rights™

(Austin) – The founder of Atticus Circle, a national non-profit group for straight people to stand up for equality, today called on fair-minded Americans to counter the President’s push to add discrimination to the U.S. Constitution.

“President Bush does not speak for me when he says the federal marriage amendment serves the interests of all,” said Anne Wynne, founder of Atticus Circle. “This amendment serves no purpose but to hurt families and hurt us as Americans.”

Wynne noted that in his Rose Garden speech today, Bush said that putting the federal marriage amendment before the states would generate the debate this important issue needs.

“Equality is not debatable,” said Wynne, a native Texan and married mother of three.

“There is no acceptable reason to discriminate against anyone. As a straight American, I want gay and lesbian couples to have the same rights my husband and I have. I want their commitment to each other to be recognized, just like mine is to my husband. And I want their children to have the same rights our children have.”

Wynne said the amendment is totally backwards.

“We should be supporting people who want to provide for their partner and their family, and who want to take good care of children,” said Wynne. “My kids go to school with kids who have two mommies and two daddies.

“How do I tell my children that their President thinks their friends’ parents shouldn’t have the same rights their mom and dad have?”

Wynne said that since she created Atticus Circle, she’s heard from hundreds of Americans who are ready to stand up for equality.

“This is the civil rights struggle of our time,” said Wynne. “Straight, fair-minded Americans are ready to speak up and end discrimination based on who someone loves.”

More information about Atticus Circle is available at www.atticuscircle.org



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