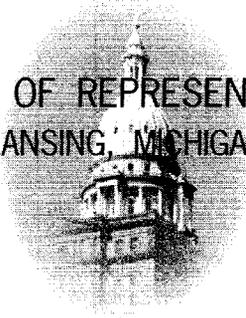


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April 12, 1999

Mr. Thomas F. Coleman, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Coleman:

I would like to thank you for responding so quickly and effectively to oppose House Bill 4258, a repeal to civil rights protections for unmarried couples.

As you know, House Bill 4258 would have legalized discrimination against any unmarried individual who is living with another unmarried person. House Bill 4258 would have allowed business owners to discriminate against such unmarried persons in employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and would have legalized such discrimination by government agencies as well.

The written materials provided by the American Association for Single People (AASP), including the analysis of the bill by your research and policy division, Spectrum Institute, were extremely helpful. Your personal testimony at the committee hearing was also most enlightening. AASP played a pivotal role in defeating, at least temporarily, this draconian bill.

On behalf of the millions of unmarried Michigan residents who would have been adversely affected by House Bill 4258, as well as married people who support equal rights for everyone regardless of marital status, I would like to express our gratitude to you for traveling to Michigan to help preserve the integrity of our Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Elizabeth S. Brater in black ink.  
Elizabeth S. Brater  
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