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REFERENDUM 71

PRESS RELEASE

Referendum 71 has achieved a measure of success even before the votes are counted today.

November 3, 2009: It has transcended the issue itself by providing a defining moment for people of faith and social conservatives state wide.

Our clear direction and our many successes have unequivocally shown that people of faith and social conservatives are not a "leaderless army milling about in a field", nor are they a movement that is "deflated and in disarray." To the contrary, people of faith and social conservatives have been revived as a political force in Washington.

R-71 has identified upwards of 200,000 people who are willing to take action to protect marriage, the family and children. It has also identified a legal team that has won victory after victory, a team that will now defend R-71 petition signers and their right to anonymous political speech before the United States Supreme Court.

It has caused new, non-conflicted, leadership to emerge and has forged new broad based alliances around deeply held beliefs and a commitment to take action.

Whether or not SB 5688 becomes law today, and we pray it does not, R-71 has defined a diverse group of citizens willing to stand and risk, in defense of their deeply held core beliefs.

Plans are under way for a new and greater resolve to be present in the 2010 Legislative session and future elections.

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