



# CONCERNED CITIZEN

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### **AROUND THE STATE**

#### **SB 777 Petition Push Continues**

Signed by the governor in October, SB 777 represents a clear and present danger to any traditional teaching involving gender and sexuality in our schools, K-12. SB 777 is another very large step toward the radical homosexual activists' goal of normalizing homosexuality, bisexuality and transgenderism by using California's schools.

Make no mistake. SB 777 is not about discrimination and harassment of students. California law has included "sexual orientation" and "gender" in the anti-discrimination and anti-harassment code since 2000. This bill specifically targets instruction, materials and school-sponsored activities (sports, homecoming, etc.) by prohibiting any "discriminatory bias." SB 777 essentially requires that alternative lifestyles be treated as equal to heterosexuality in every way. Further, gender is defined fluidly as "gender identity and gender related appearance and behavior whether or not *stereotypically* associated with the person's *assigned* sex at birth." Note that this is a direct quote from the legislation (emphasis added).

SaveOurKids.net, a project of Capitol Resource Family Impact that is endorsed by CWA and other pro-family organizations, has filed a referendum to overturn this horrendous bill. To date over 275,000 petitions have been shipped and churches throughout the state have held petition drives. To find out how to get your church involved, download "How to Conduct a Petition Drive" in the "Help Stop SB 777" section of our website (<http://ca.cwfa.org>). If your pastor has questions, print "Constitutional Protections for Pastors." Visit the official referendum website at [www.SaveOurKids.net](http://www.SaveOurKids.net).

**Action:** *Please pray for the success of this signature-gathering effort and do your part to help stop this bill from becoming law. To achieve the required number of valid signatures (434,000), we anticipate needing over 700,000 signatures overall. There is no time to waste. Visit [www.SaveOurKids.net](http://www.SaveOurKids.net) or call (916) 498-1940 to receive petitions by mail. Our website's "Help Stop SB 777" section also includes an action alert with a list of petition centers throughout the state. **NOTE: The deadline to request petitions is December 21. All petitions must arrive back in Sacramento no later than January 4.***

**Don't miss CWA of California's**

### **Culture Conference**

**Friday evening and Saturday  
January 25 - 26, 2008**

Join us at the beautiful [Fairmont Newport Beach](#) for great speakers and a scrumptious Saturday luncheon  
*Go inside the issues with national experts including...*

CWA President Wendy Wright

Matt Barber, CWA Policy Director for Cultural Issues

David Kupelian, author of *The Marketing of Evil*

Michael Cutler, Center for Immigration Studies

Rep Steve King (R-Iowa), Ranking member of the

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security

Roy Beck, President NumbersUSA

*Conference is just \$85 for all materials and lunch on Saturday.*

Special room rates are available for those staying overnight, but reservations must be made before December 29 by calling (800) 441-1414.

**Download a complete brochure and registration form at <http://ca.cwfa.org>.**

**No Internet? Call (626) 227-4266.**

#### **Groups File Legal Challenge to Stop SB 777**

In a San Diego press conference on November 27, Advocates for Faith and Freedom and Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) filed a lawsuit on behalf of the California Education Committee LLC, a project of California Family Council. The attorneys argue that SB 777's redefinition of sex as "gender identity" is troublingly vague. ADF Legal Counsel Tim Chandler warns, "State officials are jeopardizing women's privacy and the safety of women and children. Without any standards for determining someone's 'gender,' school officials have no way to prevent a man from using the girl's restroom or locker room, for example, and this should alarm students and parents."

**Action:** *Please ask God to give the attorneys wisdom as they present this case and for the judge as a decision is rendered.*

#### **Will You Pray for Our Legislators?**

Proverbs 21:1 says, "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, [Like] the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes." Scripture also admonishes us to pray for all those in authority. Marcia Wolfe, CWA's new Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) program coordinator, hopes to pair a CWA prayer partner with each of our California assem-

blymembers and state senators. Will you consider becoming part of this worthwhile program? All it takes is a commitment to pray daily for your assigned legislator and send a monthly postcard with a word of encouragement. Materials, including postcards, suggested quotes and Scriptures, are provided in a packet sent to each prayer volunteer. The legislative session begins again in January so please contact Marcia this month to receive your EAL packet. Call (626) 227-4266 or e-mail [encourage@california.cwfa.org](mailto:encourage@california.cwfa.org).

## **THE NATIONAL SCENE**

### **Nothing Fair about It**

Colloquially known as the "Hush Rush" bill, the so-called "Fairness Doctrine" would require broadcasters to offer equal time for opposing viewpoints regardless of listener preference. The notion is a clear violation of free speech and an unabashed liberal attack on the talk radio medium dominated by conservative viewpoints.

In response, Rep. Mike Pence (R-Indiana) introduced H.R. 2905, the Broadcaster Freedom Act. The bill bars the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from spending money to revive the "Fairness Doctrine" or any similar policies. Unfortunately, Democratic procedural roadblocks have forced Rep. Pence to initiate a discharge petition to move the bill ahead and protect freedom of our airwaves.

**Action:** *Pray for the success of the discharge petition, which a majority of representatives (218) must sign. Please contact your representative and ask him or her to sign Rep. Pence's discharge petition for the Broadcaster Freedom Act (H.R. 2905). Find all contact information by zip code at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov), call (202) 225-3121, or send an e-mail by clicking "[Write Your Representative](#)."*

## **AT ISSUE**

### **Stand with Us in 2008**

*A gift of time, prayer and/or financial support would help us so much!*

**Join CWA.** If our resources have helped you better understand the issues and make a difference through prayer and action, please consider joining CWA. Numbers speak, and the greater our numbers the louder our "voice." Please use the mem-

bership form below. And remember to register now for our Culture Conference in January!

**Pray** for our national, state and area CWA leaders as they stand for Biblical truth in the public square and plan for next year's activities. In fact, pray with us! The cornerstone of CWA's grassroots efforts is the Prayer/Action Chapter. These groups of varying sizes (from two to 15) are comprised of friends, church members, neighbors and other concerned citizens who gather once each month to learn about current topics and events, pray together and then act on important

legislation or other crucial issues. We are pleased to announce our new State Prayer Chapter Coordinator, Muriel Benson. If you would like to find out more about existing chapters in your area or about starting a new chapter with a few friends from your neighborhood or church, contact Muriel by e-mail at [prayer@california.cwfa.org](mailto:prayer@california.cwfa.org). You may also call (626) 227-4266.

**Share** your time. From clerical tasks to leadership opportunities, we have ways you can help us stand for Biblical values. Call our office at (626) 227-4266 or e-mail [director@california.cwfa.org](mailto:director@california.cwfa.org).

## **PRAYER POWER**

Ask God to protect our young people against the onslaught of the culture. Pray that they would embrace modesty and sexual purity, reject dangerous lifestyles and choose entertainment wisely. *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. (Philippians 4:8)*

Pray for God's protection of our military who will be celebrating Christmas far from their families and in harm's way. May He help them all to know that a grateful nation thanks them for their sacrifice on our behalf. *I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. (Psalm 91:2-4)*

### ***Merry Christmas!***

For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be  
upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty  
God, Everlasting Father, Prince  
of Peace.

*~ Isaiah 9:6*

*We thank God for you and ask  
Him to richly bless you and  
your family during this sacred  
season and throughout the  
coming year.*

### ***Make a difference by getting involved with CWA!***

*To find out how to join a local Prayer/Action Chapter or get more information about CWA of California, call our office at (626) 227-4266 or e-mail [director@california.cwfa.org](mailto:director@california.cwfa.org). To become one of CWA's over 500,000 members nationwide, please send a tax-deductible gift of \$25 or more to CWA of California, P.O. Box 660894, Arcadia, CA 91066*

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