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To: Members of the 121st Legislative Council
FROM: *Dave* David Boulter, Executive Director
Date: March 31, 2003
Re: Email received from Michael S. Heath, Executive Director, Christian Civic League

Attached is an email that Michael Heath sent to me with the request that I distribute it to Legislative Council members.

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Boulter, David

From: Michael Heath [msheath@pivot.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2003 2:30 PM
To: David.Boulter@state.me.us
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→ **Subject:** Please distribute to the Legislative Council

Dear Legislative Council Member:

I am writing about Representative Ben Dudley's effort to push so called "domestic partnership" benefits. He indicates to me that he wants to place the definition of "domestic partnership" that currently appears in state regulations into Maine statute. The definition in regulation enables Maine citizens who are shacking up, or who are sexually confused (homosexual, bisexual, transgendered or one of thirty other "sexual orientations") to obtain taxpayer-funded health insurance benefits. In a rare move you approved yesterday a request by Representative Dudley to introduce a "domestic partner" bill that he has deceptively named "An act to promote the financial security of Maine's families and children." Your move is rare because Dudley had already introduced this bill. It was LD 1138, and it was killed unanimously by the Judiciary Committee on Thursday of last week.

Why, four months after cloture, are you allowing a legislator to introduce legislation that has already been referenced by both the House and Senate, then killed by the Committee to which they referred it? Why didn't the sponsor amend the bill in committee? That is what everyone else has to do.

Representative Dudley tells me that the original bill was a disaster. Why not gut the bill in committee, and put in the language that isn't a "disaster." I don't understand. Could it be that someone has decided this matter needs to be referenced to another committee? I don't know, I'm shooting in the dark here.

I do, however, want you to know that we are very concerned about this matter and that we don't want to have to react to this issue in an untimely manner. There is objective and substantial research that proves that domestic partnership is imprudent. I hope that you will take time yourself to consider this information. Please start by clicking on this link:

http://www.corporateresourcecouncil.org/white_papers.html

You will find helpful information outlining some of our concerns in the first paper in the list. It is entitled, "Do domestic partner benefits make good business sense?"

Also, I want to dispel the rumour that "domestic partner" benefits have nothing to do with the homosexual movement. The bill sponsor told me that he is NOT the person to talk with about the details of his new bill. Representative Dudley told me that I should talk with Betsy Smith. She is the president of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance. They are writing this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Heath
Executive Director

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"War is not the best way of settling differences; it is the only way of preventing their being settled for you." - *ILN*,
7/24/15 GK Chesterton

"The act of defending any of the cardinal virtues has today all the exhilaration of a vice." - *A Defense of Humilities*,
The Defendant, 1901 G.K Chesterton