

MARGARET ROGERS, STATE REPRESENTATIVE, UNION COUNTY, DISTRICT 14

1. I voted for HB 1523 to protect the rights of people who think marriage is between a man and a woman from discrimination by state government.
2. There was a need to protect these people because 8 cities in MS have passed antidiscrimination ordinances to protect the LGBT community. This would provide equal protection to those who support traditional marriage.
3. I believe HB 1523 will stand up to a challenge in federal court because almost 20 states have similar laws and it reinforces the 1ST Amendment.

I received a notice that this bill is supported by:

More than 270 pastors have signed a letter of support

Franklin Graham has endorsed the bill.

The Southern Baptist Convention has endorsed the bill.

The two Catholic dioceses/bishops of MS submitted a letter on the bill's behalf. They also represent MS's Catholic schools and Catholic Charities.

American Family Association submitted a letter on the bill's behalf.

The National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference sent a letter.

The United Pentecostal Church, Mississippi District sent a letter.

A recent Mason Dixon poll found that a majority of Mississippians support this bill.