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Dear Rabbonim, Gaboyim and Chaverim:

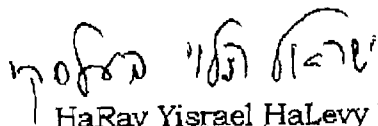
I ask for your help with an urgent matter. Last week, the New York State Assembly passed a bill recognizing a homosexual relationship as a valid form of legal marriage. The bill is now in the State Senate and could be voted into law very soon.

The Chazal tell us that before the Almighty took vengeance on Sdom and Amora, these people had recognized such a marriage as valid. The Umos ha-Olam are bound by the Sheva Mitzvos Bnai Noach, which forbids them from arrayos, sexual immorality. We may risk losing the tremendous brucha and shmira, chas vshalom, which we have enjoyed from this State if we allow the spirit of znus and tumah to achieve recognition as a valid lifestyle without ever opposing it. The moral fabric of our own communities may be affected, as well, chas vshalom, if we do not act now.

I encourage every Yid who holds the right to vote to contact his State Senator and urge the Senator to vote "no" to any bill recognizing a homosexual relationship as a legal marriage in any shape or form whatsoever. A list of contact information is provided, along with a form letter. Please distribute copies of this letter and list in your shuls and baatei midrashim, and encourage your neighbors and chaverim to send signed letters and emails, call by telephone and visit the District Offices of the State Senator from your district to voice our opposition to this legislation. Time is of the essence, as I understand the bill may be introduced and voted into law, at any time.

Tizku lmitzvos, and may we be zoche to Yiddishe nachas, and to see the geulah shleimah bimheira b'yameinu.

Very truly yours,



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Rosh Yeshivah, Yeshiva Torah Vodaas