

Vaad L'Shmor Kehillasenu

Brooklyn, New York

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Dear Rabbonim, Gabboyim and Chaverim:

We understand that the safety of our communities has recently been breached by policies advocated by government leaders which attack the most basic rules of human decency.

Hashem, may His Name be blessed, requires the nations to guard themselves against immorality. But governments are pushing laws that contradict the issur arayos, and try to give the name "marriage" or some or all of its rights to same-gender couples.

Please understand, and share with your neighbors, the seriousness of this sin, and our responsibility, with what means we have in our hands, to stop it. The Chazal tell us in maseches Chullin, 92a, that one of the few merits that protects the nations of the world is that they do not write a marriage contract for same gender unions. If we do not help uphold justice down below, the Almighty Gd may, chas vshalom, bring down justice upon us from above. Therefore please understand:

- Laws promoting "marriage rights" for same gender unions, in any shape or form whatsoever, are an attack on Torah;
- These laws are an attack on the foundations of basic human morality; and
- There can be no compromise on this topic and we strongly encourage the support of those who take a public stand against these laws.

By protecting the nations from losing this merit, we will protect Klal Yisroel as well.

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