

# Petition to the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled

## The Right of Parliament to Determine and Preserve the Definition of Marriage

We, the undersigned citizens of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

THAT, in 1999, Parliament voted to preserve the traditional definition of marriage. A recent court decision has redefined marriage, contrary to the wishes of Parliament. Now, the Government wants Parliament to vote on new legislation, but only after it has been approved by the Supreme Court. This is a dangerous new precedent for democracy in Canada. Elected Members of Parliament should decide the marriage issue, not appointed judges.

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon Parliament to immediately hold a renewed debate on the definition of marriage and to reaffirm, as it did in 1999, its commitment to take all necessary steps to preserve marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.

**SIGNATURES**

*(Sign your own name. Do not print)*

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Please return on or before **October 18, 2003** to: Canada Family Action Coalition, Fredericton Chapter,  
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