



## 'DEFEND MARRIAGE'

### Lobby Day Instructions

Wednesday, February 20th, 2013, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Illinois State Capitol

401 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62701

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**Upon arriving at the Capitol**, you will go through security and a metal detector and proceed to the IFI table located in the north hallway off of the Rotunda (middle of the Capitol). Pick up a button, instructions and materials.

**Proceed to your state representative's office** and ask the secretary if you can have a few minutes of his/her time. If you are able to speak to them, let them know that you are a constituent and have traveled to Springfield to urge a NO vote on the same-sex marriage bill. Ask how they will be voting. If the representative is not in their office, ask the secretary where they are.

**If they are in a committee hearing or caucus meeting:** you may go to the room and wait for them to come out. (This is where knowing what they look like will come in handy.) Once they exit the room, approach them, introduce yourself and ask if you can have a minute to speak to them. Urge them to vote NO on SB 10. Feel free to share your concerns depending on the amount of time they have. Be respectful of their time.

**If they are in the House Chambers**, take the business-size card which will be provided at the IFI table and proceed to the third floor. Go to the House Chambers side. It will be the area with all the people waiting outside a very large door. Write your name and address and their name on the card. Give it to one of the doormen who will enter the Chambers and deliver it to the representative. Eventually he/she will come out to talk to you, so watch for them. (Another reason their picture will be helpful.)

**If you are unable to speak to them**, leave the pre-printed letter, available at the IFI table, with their secretary so that they will know you were there. Feel free to write your own note on the paper.

**Please pray that this bill will be stopped in the House.** Pray before coming to Springfield and while there. Just your presence as Christ's ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20) has tremendous spiritual impact on the lawmakers and this bill. The fact that hundreds/thousands will be there wearing a bright yellow button depicting marriage as one man and one woman *and* took the time to travel to the Capitol has more impact than you will ever realize. Many lawmakers will be hard-pressed to vote on a bill that may cost them their next election, if for no other reason.



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