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## **EQIL MONITORS ANTI-MARRIAGE EQUALITY DEVELOPMENTS**

The angry opponents of marriage equality are at it again. Just a couple of weeks ago, misleadingly-named organization "Americans for Truth" announced that it is preparing to re-launch a petition to "protect marriage" in Illinois.

While Illinois already bans recognition of same-sex relationships as marriage, "Americans for Truth" may be planning to repeal the recently-passed civil unions or to force upon Illinoisans a constitutional amendment. Equality Illinois continuously monitors activities of anti-marriage-equality activists, such as Protect Marriage Illinois, Illinois Family Institute\*, Americans for Truth, and others. When they attempted to place an anti-gay marriage advisory referendum on the ballot in Illinois, their efforts were ultimately defeated, thanks to a joint collaboration of Equality Illinois and its partner organizations, with the help of hundreds of volunteers from around the State.

According to public attitude polls and surveys, Illinoisans overwhelmingly support relationship recognition equality for same-sex couples. In fact, according to recent polls, more than 2 out of 3 Illinoisans support the recently-passed Civil Union bill.

While there has been no movement on the part of anti-gay activists to collect signatures for any referendum thus far, Equality Illinois remains dedicated to monitoring the situation closely, and will act as we have done in the past to thwart any efforts geared towards gutting the recently passed Civil Union bill or stripping away the rights of any Illinois citizen.

Stay tuned for more updates as this matter develops.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Bernard Cherkasov  
Chief Executive Officer

*\*The Illinois Family Institute has been certified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group.*