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RUTH INSTITUTE PRESIDENT DR. JENNIFER ROBACK MORSE LAMENTS LOSS OF DOMA

SAN MARCOS, CA - Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, Founding President of the Ruth Institute, issued the following statement in response to the overturn of DOMA by a federal judge in Boston, Massachusetts earlier this week:

“This decision reflects an extremely superficial understanding of the social purposes of marriage.

The essential public purpose of marriage is to attach mothers and fathers to their children and to one another. Same sex couples really are different from opposite sex couples with respect to this purpose. Poor Judge Tauro seems to believe that marriage exists to provide health insurance to adults. He has no business accusing Congress of having no other motive than to ‘disadvantage a group of which it disapproves.’ Since Judge Tauro doesn’t understand the argument that same sex and opposite sex couples really are different, he concludes that there must not be an argument.

With all due respect to the Judge’s legal expertise, the issues are not that complicated. Same sex marriage undermines the principles that kids need their moms and dads, and that biology is the basis for parenthood.

Redefining marriage is a really massive social change, which shouldn’t be undertaken lightly. The voters understand this: Judge Tauro seems not to.”

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