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**PRO-FAMILY ORGANIZATION FILES BRIEF SUPPORTING  
VOTERS' WILL ON CALIFORNIA'S PROP. 8  
Stands with Top State Policy Leaders Demanding Reversal of "Arrogant" Opinion**

MADISON—Yesterday, Wisconsin Family Action, along with more than 30 family policy groups nationwide signed onto an *amicus* brief filed by Liberty Institute in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals supporting the will of the majority of California voters in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger*, known as the Proposition 8 case.

Wisconsin Family Action president, Julaine Appling, commented, "Marriage is under relentless attack, here in Wisconsin and around the country. However, nowhere has the institution of marriage, as well as the will of the people, been more viciously attacked than in California. We are honored to be a part of this important brief that challenges the court to respect self-governance in our Republic. This federal case has definite implications for us here in Wisconsin."

In 2008, over seven million California voters went to the polls casting votes in support of Proposition 8, which defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman. California voters passed a similar proposition in 2000, which was also struck down in the courts.

The lawsuit against Proposition 8 began when two homosexual couples sued to have the ballot initiative thrown out. In August, the district court struck down the proposition, saying that same-sex couples have a fundamental right to marry and that limiting marriage to a man and a woman has no "rational basis." The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has stayed the district judge's ruling while it weighs the appeal.

The brief reads, in part, "The people may be wrong, as they often are. The courts, too, may be wrong, as they often are. But this we know: twice in eight years the people of California declared they want to keep marriage as it has been for time immemorial. Courts should not violate the people's self-governance—the 'most fundamental individual liberty of our people'—and impose instead their own views upon the people of California."

View the brief online at <http://tinyurl.com/Prop8Brief>.

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