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Congressman Akin Applauds the President's Support of a National Marriage
Amendment

WASHINGTON, DC- Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) has released the following statement regarding President Bush's announcement that he supports an amendment to the United States Constitution banning gay marriages:

"I applaud President Bush for his bold and timely commitment to protecting marriage as we have always known it. Marriage is the foundation of any good society, and to alter this essential institution is to willingly erode the ground on which our nation stands.

"We have seen that when President Bush commits himself to a course of action he pursues it with energy and conviction. I am confident he will do just that as he works to protect the vital institution of marriage.

"A federal marriage amendment is necessary to protect individual states from having the authority of their marriage laws usurped by activist judges. Unless marriage is defined on a federal level in a common sense way, we risk a hammer-blow to a supremely important institution that is the social foundation of our nation."