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To the editor:

While others may feel secure describing real individuals, actual constituents, and genuine human beings as "special interests" who "divert attention" and "are disregarding the will of the people", this candidate deplores and condemns both the label and its use in describing our gay, lesbian and bisexual friends and neighbors. My strong belief is that animus against a distinct class of people indeed is a "genuine" and "significant" issue that highlights just exactly how committed candidates are to the notion of equal opportunity for all.

I furthermore remain of the strong belief that the will of the people in no way, shape or form involves the fielding of a ballot question intended to destroy human lives and tear real families apart. It is in no way their will for people to be bankrupted if compelled to care for sick and injured partners of the same sex. It is in no way their will for same sex partners of the sick and injured to be denied hospital or nursing home visitation rights. It is in no way their will for same sex partners of homeowners to be denied Homestead Act protection. It is in no way their will for same sex partners of sick and injured folks deemed incompetent to have no voice in their medical care. It is in no way their will for same sex partners who transfer land and exchange gifts with one another to be taxed for that exchange when married couples aren't. It is in no way their will for same sex partners to lack automatic inheritance rights that heterosexually married spouses take for granted. It is in no way their will for same sex partners to not be the least bit obligated to the children of their partners. It is in no way their will for same sex partners of workers injured on the job to be denied dependency benefits. It is in no way their will for same sex partners to be denied protections for families of crime victims, including confidentiality of address, the right to information, and the right to make a victim impact statement. It is in no way their will for same-sex partners to be denied family medical and bereavement leaves from employers. It is in no way their will for same-sex partners to lack access to family health and auto insurance policies. It is in no way their will for partners of police officers, firefighters and prosecutors who are killed on the job to not have access to line of duty benefits. It is in no way their will for same sex partners to lack standing to bring claims of wrongful death or loss of consortium when a loved one's death results from wrongdoing. The people are NOT of a vicious will, but treasure the lives and contributions of their neighbors.

The petition that would deny same-sex couples each and every single one of these things, the vicious instrument of spite and malice devised for no purpose beyond the destruction of other human beings, is an unconstitutional petition for reasons that I have outlined at my website.

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Please refer to my website for this candidate's views regarding this and other genuine and significant issues:

<http://www.owenbroadhurst.org>

Sincerely yours,

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