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State House Candidate Ann Williams Stands with LGBT Community in Push for Civil Unions Bill

Chicago—As gay and lesbian couples lined up to tie the knot in New Hampshire at the turn of the new year, State House candidate Ann Williams called on Illinois lawmakers to take a step in the direction of full equality by passing a long-debated civil unions bill.

“Frankly, the right to make emergency health care decisions for one’s partner shouldn’t be the subject of a two-year debate,” said Williams, a Democrat who is in a three-way primary race for the open 11th District State House now occupied by Rep. John Fritchey. “With smaller, less diverse states like New Hampshire and Iowa ensuring full marriage equality for their citizens, it’s high time that Illinois passed a civil unions law that recognizes the value of all relationships and extends basic rights to gay and lesbian couples.”

New Hampshire, under a law that became effective January 1, has joined Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, and Iowa in recognizing full marriage equality for same-sex couples. Although the issue of full marriage equality is not currently before the Illinois General Assembly, the legislature continues to debate a civil unions bill that would guarantee same-sex couples many of the basic rights and benefits of traditional marriage. Williams fully supports that bill, which is sponsored by Rep. Greg Harris.

“I admire Rep. Harris’ tireless efforts to make civil unions a reality in Illinois,” said Williams. “If I were serving in the General Assembly now, the civil unions bill would have my vote, unequivocally. And, if elected State Representative, I will be a champion of full equality for my friends and family in the LGBT community.”

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