

Dear Sir/ Madam

This is a mother of a 9-year-old son. Regarding the amendment of the Ordinance about domestic violence. I agree with the government that the everyone in the family should be protected from being abused. However, I am just wondering what is the purpose of the new definition of the "family" in your amendment. Although there are different kinds of family in the society but I don't think the same sex couples can be regarded as the family. According to the existing Ordinances, a marriage is based on combination of a man and a woman, and how come the same sex couples becomes under the roof of "family". Does same sex marriage legalize?

As a mother, I find difficulty explaining to my son why some families have two fathers without a mother, and whether people living together can be understood as a family having no proper roles. I am afraid of treating lesbian or gay couple as a family will confuse the society they are normal and acceptable. Besides, the survey had already revealed that the gay couple committing HIV or AIDS has much much higher chance than the heterosexual. Therefore, to admit the gay couple be a family will likely encourage the unhealthy sex and contribute the disease figure.

I reiterate my situation to agree with the protection of people from domestic violence; but oppose to change of the definition of "family" including the same sex couple.

Thanks for your attention.

Regards

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