

PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY  
PANEL  
ON FEDERAL TAX REFORM  
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The President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform  
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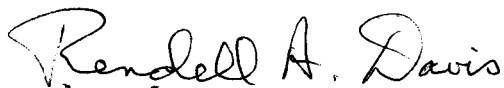
To: Members of the Panel

In the process of his comments opposing same/sex marriage, President Bush made it very clear that he would support same/sex unions that would give privileges for same/sex couples in the areas of civil rights, taxation, legal matters, death benefits, partners' children, etc.

We hope that the Advisory Panel will take these remarks seriously and will propose tax reforms that would give same/sex couples the same tax status as married couples.

As a pastor of the United Church of Christ, I have had the opportunity to meet many same/sex couples, and have come to feel that laws that discriminate against gays, lesbians, and bi-sexual and transgendered people are violations of their constitutional rights. It seems to me that if your panel cannot open the door to these rights, the matter will undoubtedly have to be settled by the United States Supreme Court. In such an occasion, I cannot help but believe that the Court will find in the same way as did the Supreme Court of Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,



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