



To the Citizens of the State of Iowa:

The Marion County Republican Central Committee seeks to make it known that in her support of the Respect for Marriage Act, Senator Joni Ernst has violated the Marion County Iowa Republican Party Platform, the Republican Party of Iowa District 1 Platform, the Republican Party of Iowa Platform, the National Republican Platform, and what our founder's refer to as "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God".

2022 Iowa Republican Platform, Liberty Section, Item #13, states:

"We believe that traditional, two parent (one male (XY) and one female (XX)), marriage-based families are the foundation of a stable, enduring, and healthy civilization. We encourage the repeal of any laws allowing any marriage that is not between one natural man and one natural woman."

2016 Republican National Platform, Page 11, Defending Marriage Against an Activist Judiciary, states:

"Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with rearing children and instilling cultural values."

2016 Republican National Platform, Page 31, Marriage, Family, and Society, states:

"Foremost among those institutions is the American family. It is the foundation of civil society, and the cornerstone of the family is natural marriage, the union of one man and one woman. Its daily lessons — cooperation, patience, mutual respect, responsibility, self-reliance — are fundamental to the order and progress of our Republic. Strong families, depending upon God and one another, advance the cause of liberty by lessening the need for government in their daily lives. Conversely, as we have learned over the last five decades, the loss of faith and family life leads to greater dependence upon government. That is why Republicans formulate public policy, from taxation to education, from healthcare to welfare, with attention to the needs and strengths of the family."

We are further disturbed by Senator Ernst's response to our individual emails where she hides behind a strawman claiming that this bill recognizes the validity of "same-sex and interracial marriages" knowing full well that states have no issues recognizing interracial marriages. This dishonesty and deception are abhorrent, completely unacceptable, and confirms that she is disconnected from the values of her constituents.



Considering these consequential offenses, the Marion County Republican Central Committee wishes to voice our extreme dissatisfaction with the behavior of Senator Ernst and highly recommend that if she wishes to remain a representative of this state that she listens very carefully to the voice of the people who elected her.

Sincerely,

Steve Everly, Chair
Marion County Republican Central Committee