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Gay Marriage Decision Will Push Constitutional Convention

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Peter Wolfgang, executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut: Photo by Stephan Dunn of The Hartford Courant

homosexual marriage. "

The Family Institute of Connecticut condemns the state Supreme Court's decision on gay marriage. The group is hoping residents will vote yes on a ballot question next month that could help to block gay marriage in the future.

Peter Wolfgang, the executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut strongly disagrees with the court's decision.

But he says because the ruling came out three weeks before the election, it will help gather more support for a constitutional convention. A convention could help get a direct initiative out to voters, asking them whether gay marriage should be allowed in the state.

"We're talking about redefining one of societies most basic and precious social institutions that has existed more or less in a similar form throughout all of history in every culture, in every time period, in every major world religion. It's a huge departure from anything that's gone before No society has ever created this new thing called

Anne Stanback is Executive Director of Love makes a Family, a group that supports same sex marriage. Stanback says the ballot question shouldn't affect the court's ruling.

"It is not a question about marriage equality. I think our opponents at the family institute want to make it a

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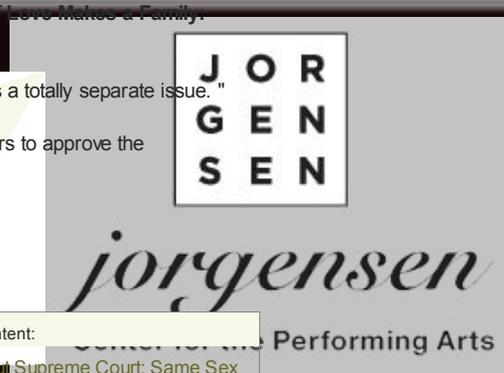
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... But we oppose that a
broad coalition of organizations
that. And our attorney general



Dr. Amen



Blumenthal opposes that, along with the other constitutional officers. At this point, it is a totally separate issue."

Two weeks ago, the Family Institute sponsored a rally at the state capitol, urging voters to approve the constitutional convention. The gathering drew about 2,800 people.

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